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LABOR BILL MET WITH DISASTER

HOUSE TURNED DOWN EIGHT-HOUR BILL

Mr. Bowser's Attempt to Make Political Capital--Fortnightly Wages.

Yesterday in the legislature proved fatal to a number of labor bills which came up. The proposal of the Socialists to make compulsory an eight-hour day in all industries met with small support. John Jardine alone supported the Socialists in this radical bill.

The bill to provide for fortnightly payment of wages went into committee, but although there was quite a general support given to it on condition that certain objectionable features were amended, it also suffered defeat, the committee rising on the motion of Price Ellison.

Another bill affecting labor was that introduced by the leader of the opposition, who sought to amend the Workmen's Compensation Act.

The amendment proposed to add a provision as follows:

"Provided further, that whenever it is proved to the satisfaction of the committee or the arbitrator that the injury in respect of which the workman is entitled to compensation under this act is a permanent injury, the committee or arbitrator may, with the consent of the workman, award him a lump sum not exceeding the sum of fifteen hundred dollars in full of the workman's claim to compensation under this act."

This also came to grief on the second reading.

The remainder of the afternoon was taken up for the most part with the discussion on the second reading of the Immigration Bill introduced by W. J. Bowser. This is a measure which even the Conservatives laugh at, as it is one of the rarest attempts at making political capital that has ever been introduced into the legislature. The insincere tone of the "bummer," as the Socialists leader described the speech of Mr. Bowser, fell very flat on the House.

The leader of the opposition's speech in reply to that of the introducer was an able presentation of the attitude of opposition to the question of immigration. He showed his sympathy with the attempt to shut out, undesirable classes by voting for the second reading in the hope that the bill would be made rational in committee.

Prayers were read by Rev. W. Leslie Clay.

On opening, Speaker Eberts gave his decision on the point of order raised by Stuart Henderson that the University Endowment Bill was out of order and required as now altered to be introduced by message from His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor. He decided that the point of order was not well taken.

Hon. F. J. Pulton presented the annual report of the fishery commission.

Hon. B. G. Taylor presented the report of the bureau of information.

W. J. Bowser introduced a bill to amend the Mechanics' Lien Act.

J. H. Hawthornthwaite moved, upon the motion for the third reading of the bill to amend the Provincial Elections Act, that the bill be referred back to committee of the whole, to consider the following new section:

"Section 4 of chapter 20 is hereby amended by striking out the word 'thirty' in the fourth line, and substituting the word 'ten' in lieu thereof."

This Mr. Hawthornthwaite explained was for the purpose of righting a difficulty met with in connection with the transfer of voter's names from one list to another. It provided that a voter who had been in a riding for 30 days previous to an election might have his name transferred from another list on giving ten days' notice. This would allow of a transfer within forty days of an election instead of seventy days as previously.

Mr. Bowser did not object to the amendment.

The resolution carried for the bill to be recommitted.

The bill respecting the payment of workmen's wages was committed with W. Ross in the chair.

Price Ellison said that he did not believe this was of benefit to the workman or the employer. He, therefore, moved that the committee rise.

Parker Williams said that there was a demand for it from labor men. He thought a chance should be given to amend it as proposed by J. H. Hawthornthwaite.

Mr. Hawthornthwaite explained that his amendments would wipe out the most objectionable features as far as the capitalist class was concerned. He proposed to make the law for fortnightly payments to coal companies shipping coal and who operated within five miles of an incorporated city.

Mr. Ellison said that he had worked longer than Mr. Hawthornthwaite. He knew of an instance of a man who was discharged not getting his wages paid practically forthwith. If a man left of his own accord it was a different matter. This bill would work a hardship on many cases.

John Jardine thought that men should have their money handed over to them without leaving it lying for a long period in the hands of the companies. He supported the bill.

J. McInnes said labor unions were not too often to pay him, men their wages. Under the present system a

MANY KILLED BY EARTHQUAKE

DEATH ROLL WILL EXCEED ONE HUNDRED

Reports of Damage Are Now Being Received From Interior of Mexico.

(Special to the Times).

City of Mexico, April 18.—The first direct tidings from a number of interior towns affected by the earthquake on Sunday show that the death list will exceed one hundred with many small towns still unheard from.

At Chilapa thirty-three persons were injured and 79 buildings destroyed. Nobody was killed.

At Chilpancingo ten persons were killed and the whole city is in ruins except the city hall and twenty houses.

Earthquakes and subterranean noises continued.

At Ayutla nine were killed, thirty-seven injured and innumerable buildings destroyed. The damage amounts to \$2,000,000 with no reports from country districts.

A message from Chilpancingo says sulphurous fumes poured up after Sunday's quake, give everyone headaches.

The city of Mexico is furnishing relief and the government of all Mexican states have asked aid.

Living in Tents.

(Associated Press.)

Ayutla, Mexico, April 18.—Seven persons were buried under the wreckage and killed at this place by the earthquake on April 14th. The wounded number 37.

Many buildings were thrown down, and those which are still standing are in danger of falling.

None of the houses are habitable, and citizens are camped under improvised tents.

The losses are estimated at approximately \$200,000.

No advices have been received from outlying districts of this section.

The court acquitted the accused on the grounds that the "conspiracy" was really an invention of Ponomareff.

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Ponomareff's main work in connection with parliament was to furnish his confidential reports of the doings of the deputies and it is understood that his highly colored accounts caused much of the friction between Premier Stolypin and the lower house.

One day ahead of time the R. M. S. Tartar, Commander W. Davidson, reached the outer wharf at 10 o'clock this morning. She arrived at quarantine time about 8 a.m. and was delayed there for over three hours.

After leaving Yokohama on the 6th inst. the Tartar had a splendid voyage and ran through good weather during the entire trip. The passage moreover was uneventful.

At 10.30 p.m. yesterday, when about 120 miles out from Victoria, the Tartar passed the R. M. S. Empress of Japan, the vessel which left port yesterday carrying the overseas mail. The Empress was making fast time, and according to statements made by officers on board the Tartar, owing to fine weather and calm seas which prevail across the Pacific she has every chance of making a record voyage. The overseas mail is due in Hongkong on the 5th of May.

The majority of the European passengers on board the Tartar were booked through to England and the eastern states of America. Five Chinese and two Hindus and a number of Japanese were landed here. The following is the passenger list for Victoria and Vancouver: Mrs. Alfred, Mrs. and Miss Andrews, Mrs. A. H. Bottenheim, Miss Bottenheim, Dr. and Mrs. I. M. H. Bourke, J. R. Calvert, Mr. and Mrs. B. Dalton, Miss Dalton, J. K. Davis, Rev. W. Field, P. G. G. H. Field, Master F. and P. Field, H. D. Fitzgerald, R. Fryer, Mr. and Mrs. H. Goddard, Rev. A. C. and Mrs. Huntley, Misses M. J. and S. Huntley, Master C. Huntley, Miss L. Jackson, Miss L. M. Jones, J. McCubbin, Rev. Van, and Mrs. M. G. Meyer, Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Murphy and two children, Capt. R. Rodgers, Mrs. Simmons and child, Mr. and Mrs. Sinclair, Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Swardson, R. Stevenson, P. Strathairn, P. Turner, Misses E. and L. Ward, Rev. W. A. Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. J. Winter, Misses J. A. and A. J. Winter, Masters G. T. and J. F. Winter, and Lieut. Wood.

The settler brought 181 tons of general merchandise for this port, which was landed at the outer wharf. The cargo was consigned to Vancouver, for which port she sailed this afternoon.

WILL MEET THE MIKADO.

General Booth Will Be Received By the Emperor of Japan.

(Associated Press.)

Tokio, April 18.—The Emperor of Japan has issued the popular well-known of Gen. Booth of the Salvation Army, and will receive the general in special audience to-morrow.

CONSTITUTION OF CONFERENCE

DISCUSSED BY THE COLONIAL PREMIERS

The Colonies and Imperial Defence Council--Australia Submits Resolution.

London, April 18.—According to the brief official announcement, the colonial conference to-day discussed questions concerning its constitution, and considered the draft of a resolution drawn up by the Earl of Elgin, the colonial secretary on the subject, which was accepted in principle, though the settlement of the precise terms was held over until April 20th.

The conference also considered two resolutions from the Commonwealth of Australia, the first inviting the colonial secretary to frame a scheme under which the staff of the colonial secretary would be enabled to acquire a more intimate knowledge of the colonies, and the second urging the desirability of the colonies being represented on the imperial council of defence, and that they be authorized to refer to this council for advice in regard to local questions on which expert assistance may be desirable.

It was explained respecting the latter item that it was intended to provide means for a more effective discussion of questions relating to the defence of the empire.

It was learned from another source that Lord Elgin's resolution indicates one distinct advance, namely, the creation of a new permanent department, presumably at the colonial office, whose special duty would be to look after questions of general imperial interest, carrying on the work between the colonial conference, which will be held every four years. This is understood to be the result of a compromise between the two resolutions.

The premier have expressed general dissatisfaction with the secrecy maintained concerning the discussions and the method of publishing the proceedings of the conference, and there is reason to hope that when the various resolutions are adopted, fuller public announcements will be made.

PREMIER McBRIDE'S
VISIT TO LONDON

Has No Intention of Attempting to
Appear Before the Colonial
Conference.

(Special to the Times).

Montreal, April 18.—Premier McBride, of British Columbia, who is now on the way to England, states that he has no intention of attempting to appear before the conference of colonial premiers in respect to British Columbia's case, but will work through the colonial office.

Speaking of the coal situation in British Columbia, Premier McBride stated that it threatened to be very serious, and if carried along would cause terrible loss to the entire country. However, he had not given up hope of adjustment of difficulties.

The Premier leaves for St. John to-day, whence he will sail on the Empress of Ireland.

TERRORIZED TOWN.

Safe Blowers Robbed Bank and Escaped With About Two Thousand Dollars.

(Associated Press.)

Peoria, Ill., April 18.—Safe blowers wrecked the Bank of Weston at Weston, Ill., fifty miles east of this city, to-day, with three separate charges of dynamite. About \$2,000 was secured and the robbers escaped after holding the entire town in a state of terror for more than an hour.

PRINCIPAL SHAW DEAD.

(Special to the Times).

Vancouver, April 18.—Principal Shaw, of Vancouver college, died here to-day.

TRANS-ATLANTIC MAILS.

THE ALLAN AND CANADIAN PACIFIC COMPANIES WILL PERFORM A JOINT SERVICE.

(Associated Press.)

Ottawa, April 18.—The House in supply last night took up steamship subventions on the route of \$500,000 for the trans-Atlantic service between Great Britain and Canada.

Hon. W. S. Fielding announced that in the early part of the season when the vessels ran south of Newfoundland, they would call inwards and outwards at North Sydney, but as soon as the ice straits opened the port of call would be Rimouski as usual. This arrangement will apply during the coming season. The contract was with the Allan from July, 1896, to May 1st, 1912. They were obliged to put on two other vessels equal to the Victorian and Virginian, but inasmuch as the C. P. R. had built two splendid vessels for the route, the latter company had made arrangements to perform a joint service, and in this the government heartily concurred. Payments were made to the Allan, and the latter settled with the C. P. R.

THE WAYS OF
RUSSIAN OFFICIAL

INVENTED "CONSPIRACY"
AND WAS PROMOTED

Chief of Detectives May Be Dismissed--His Reports Caused Friction.

(Associated Press.)

St. Petersburg, April 18.—M. Ponomareff, chief of the government detectives attached to the lower house of parliament, is threatened with dismissal owing to revelations made at Vilna, during the trial of military officers and others charged with conspiring to import arms from Germany, the discovery of which caused M. Ponomareff's promotion.

The court acquitted the accused on the grounds that the "conspiracy" was really an invention of Ponomareff.

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PARK COMMISSION
FOR VICTORIA CITY

Ald. Verrinder Wants By-law Creating One Introduced--Boulevards Also.

"Our scheme," said Ald. Verrinder when seen this morning, "is to have the mayor, the chairman of the streets, bridges and sewers committee and the chairman of the finance committee appointed yearly. The other four members of the commission will be appointed from the council for a term of years to be retired singly in rotation each year. By this means we would secure continuity in the scheme for park development. At present we are waiting for the legislature to decide whether we will have a commission or not. This has been decided in a negative sense. We are laying low with our plan. Of course there is a grant of some \$5,000 yearly for park purposes but the cost of maintenance has to come out of this and that leaves us really very little for needed improvements.

Continuing he said: "If when the money was first borrowed for Beach Hill park, they had gone a little further and borrowed enough to have finished the work at that time, it would certainly have been a beauty spot. But this was not done and now has to be completed, and we have to provide for it."

"It is possible," said he, "that a by-law may be introduced yet if the legislature turns us down. But you can understand that after the fate that befel the others, I feel a little shaky about introducing anything looking to park improvement. These were both very important, and since that time we have had many requests for surface drainage improvements. These we cannot do out of current revenue, so that the only alternative is to carry them about introducing anything looking to park improvement. These were both very important, and since that time we have had many requests for surface drainage improvements. These we cannot do out of current revenue, so that the only alternative is to carry them about introducing anything looking to park improvement. These were both very important, and since that time we have had many requests for surface drainage improvements. 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LONGBOAT WINS MARATHON.

Broke Record For Twenty-Five Mile Course by More Than Five Minutes.

Best of the West, End Y. M. C. A. of Toronto, Ont., won the eleventh annual Marathon race of the Boston Athletic Association in 2 hours, 24 minutes, 29 1/2 seconds, breaking the record for the course by more than five minutes. The previous record made by J. J. Caffrey of Hamilton, Ont., in 1901, was 2 hours, 29 minutes, 23 1/2 seconds. Robert Fowler, of Cambridgeport gymnasium, who was second, covered the course in 2 hours, 27 minutes, 34 1/2 seconds. John J. Hayes, St. Albans, N. Y., was third, time 2 hours, 30 minutes, 38 1/2 seconds. The official entry list contained the names of 126 long distance runners from all sections of New England, while New York city and state, and the Dominion of Canada were represented. Athens, Greece, was represented by Stargis Lalas. The day was chilly and the roads were covered with dust. Among the notable contestants were Fred Lorne, Mohawk, A. C., New York; Michael Spring, Palestine, A. C., New York; Samuel Mellor, Yonkers, A. C., New York; Carl former winners of this event, Fred Hicks of Cambridge, winner of the St. Louis Marathon, who represented America at Athens last year; W. S. Frank, of New York, and H. O. Kerr and Charles E. Petch, Toronto, Ontario.

When Vice-President Whyte, of the C. P. R., left Nanaimo yesterday, it was announced by Manager Stockert of the Western Fuel Company that the C. P. R. would enter Nanaimo at the Green. The ferry at the Green will be connected with the E. & N. near Chase river.

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BUSY SESSION FOR ALDERMEN

MUCH BUSINESS FOR THE CITY COUNCIL

License By-law and Other Matters Will Occupy Their Attention.

The council meeting Monday night will be largely confined to routine business.

Ald. Hanna will have his streets named by-law straightened out so that it will simply be a case of securing the formal assent of his aldermanic colleagues. Whether Ald. Henderson's committee will be in a position to make a report on the proposed alternative for the erecting plant is not certain. Investigation has shown that by a new process which is in vogue in Seattle, blocks can be erected at half the pressure heretofore possible by the old method which required two pumps in order to force the juices out of the blocks and the oil in. By the new process one of these pumps is dispensed with, and a report of only half the strength is required to do the work. It is rumored that Ald. Henderson and the city engineer made a pilgrimage to Seattle to inspect the plant at Eagle Arms, that extensive drawings of the reports, etc., have been made, and that these are to be handed over to the Victoria Machinery Depot, and from there will be constructed the necessary machinery for the work required. The committee will consider the report, and it will be in all probability part of the matter for discussion at the Monday night meeting. The adoption of this plan will mean the work of repairing Government street, and those other streets which are to be likewise treated, viz., Pandora around the city hall, Douglas, Johnson and Broad streets, between Yates and Johnson streets.

The committee will, it is understood, recommend that the work on the new plant be hastened as much as possible in order that the work may be done this summer. The Mayor is much interested in the new scheme and will endeavor to aid in its consummation.

The cemetery committee will recommend that a hedge be constructed around the Ross Bay cemetery. This, when carried out, will make the cemetery much more beautiful. It will be only one of the improvements to be carried out, however. The Anglican and Roman Catholic additions have to be plotted. This will be recommended. Roads will be laid out and flowers planted.

His Worship will report that negotiations are in progress for the laying under ground of the wires which now adorn the streets of the city. He yesterday wrote to the companies asking their assent to the plan. It was to have been done in the spring, on a plan invented by the Mayor in the case of Rockland avenue. Someone in the discussion after the report had been all settled and the avenue was to be made one of the show places of the city asked how the wires were to be gotten out. When it was found that this could not be done without enormous expense the scheme was dropped. Now it is to be revived, and if a favorable answer is obtained work will be begun at once, preparatory to laying underground the wires in the business part of the city.

The project of increasing the liquor license fee has been dropped for the present. When the report was brought in none of the committee would sign it. It was passed to Ald. Weston, who has refused.

The others followed suit, so that when many would like to bell the cat, none will risk the scratch from pussy's claws, and for the present she will run at large unmolested.

The legislative committee, if the legislation passed, will be required to report the securing of the amendments sought to the city charter.

The rest of the meeting will be occupied in the consideration of routine business, of which there is much.

"KNOCKED-DOWN" BOATS.

One Recently Built and Shipped to the Yukon.

The business of building "knocked-down" boats is a new industry for Victoria which promises to develop into considerable proportions. On the Princess May's present trip north there is being sent to the Klondike a craft every portion of which is resolved into its original sections, and almost every piece of which could be handled by a crowd. It was, carried out in the elementary form by the expert builder, of Hutcheson Bros., who has recently joined the firm, and will be assembled at White Horse by the ship carpenters there. It is built to the order of Eli Vasson, who has had the mail contract for years between Dawson city and Fort Miles. The launch is equipped with Hutcheson's motors, and can develop a speed of fifteen miles an hour.

BASKETBALL CHAMPIONS.

Tacoma Wins the Final in Puget Sound League After a Fast Game.

Tacoma won the Y. M. C. A. basketball championship last night from Seattle, by a score of 21 to 21. In one of the fastest games ever played at Tacoma. At the end of two twenty-minute halves the score stood 20 to 20, and when minutes of extra play was needed for Tacoma to win the game.

From the time the whistle blew in the first half, the game was a fast and furious play. When the whistle blew at the end of the first half the blackboard score stood 20 to 20 in favor of Tacoma. The play started for home when the officials noticed the mistake. It was decided to resume play in one side gained two points. Seattle made the first point, then Tacoma, threw a basket from the field after eleven minutes of play.

Ray Macdonald, of the Home of Montreal, Vernon, came down last evening on a visit to his parents in this city.

PROSPECTS OF NEW MEXICAN LINE

Enquiries Flowing Into Local Offices With Regard to Trade Demands.

Owing to a delay in sailing, the steamer Georgia, the first vessel to arrive in these waters belonging to the Canadian-Mexican Pacific Steamship line, will not get away from Comox, where she is at present, until tomorrow. She will then proceed to New Westminster and commence to load her cargo for the initial voyage on the new steamship route. It is unlikely that she will make the first sailing from Victoria until the 27th or 28th inst.

An interesting feature in connection with the new enterprise is embodied in a statement made by Captain Worsnop, the general manager for the Pacific coast.

"It is," he said, "an experiment of a new nature which is being tried for the first time. Should the trade warrant it during that time, new types of fast and commodious vessels will be placed on the route and the service be improved in all respects."

There is every reason to believe that the new enterprise will meet with success. Day by day the enquiries flowing into the Victoria and Vancouver offices are increasing in number and the most prominent merchants and shippers in both cities are taking a deep interest in the future of the undertaking. Commercial agents who are being carried free on the first voyage have already secured passages and intend touring the coast ports of Mexico, and also going as far as Mexico City for the purpose of securing orders and also of purchasing commodities.

Local shippers are interested in the question whether in the course of time the new steamship line will include San Francisco as a port of call. Trade between the Golden Gate and Victoria and Vancouver is increasing rapidly since the break-down of the vessels of the Oceanic Steamship company. Freight which is now bound from American ports to Australia and New Zealand is shipped to Vancouver and from that port transhipped to the Canadian-Australian liners to be carried by them to the Antipodes. Thus the traffic of the new company need not necessarily be restricted to Canada and Mexico, but a further sphere of activity is opened by entering into the carrying trade between San Francisco and British Columbia ports.

Speculations are proceeding fast for the linking up of the old country with the eastern seaboard of Mexico and within a very few months the new line will be so far extended that freight can be carried through to British Columbia from England, both quicker and under a much reduced freight tariff than that now in vogue. The traffic across the Atlantic is insured of success, but as Captain Worsnop says, the line along the Pacific seaboard is of an experimental character.

ENTERS SERVICE OF C. P. R.

P. L. Fleming, who for some time past has been the agent of the Union Steamship Company in Victoria, has been appointed to a position in the C. P. R. coast steamship service. In that company he will continue to follow his customary vocation in handling the freight and passenger traffic of the C. P. R. coasting vessels. His place as agent in the Union Steamship Company has been taken by R. H. Bryce, of Vancouver, who is also well known in this city.

A SPECIAL EXCURSION.

To the land of the midnight sun, the land of glaciers, and the region of a thousand lakes, a special excursion has been arranged from Seattle on the steamship Queen of the Pacific S. S. Company, to sail from that port on the 10th of July. The Queen, which will sail for the first time, will leave Seattle at 9 a. m. on the 10th of July, and will call at Victoria the same day, again sailing from here on the northern trip at 1 p. m. The trip, which includes almost all places of interest on the Alaskan seaboard, will be one of eleven days' duration.

ON WAY NORTH.

The Norwegian steamer Haldia, under charter to Mackenzie Bros., is on her way from San Francisco to Vancouver. She will be placed in the freighting business between the Terminal City and Skagway in conjunction with her sister ship the Haldia.

MARINE NOTES.

Several large whistling-boats have just arrived in Vancouver from Ottawa to be placed in position at different points along the coast. They will be installed by the C. P. R. S. S. Quads.

The C. P. R. steamer R. P. Risher is now on a service between Seattle and this port on Tuesdays and Fridays.

The British sailing ship Deamont is at present engaged in discharging her cargo for Victoria at the outer dock.

TOWN DESTROYED.

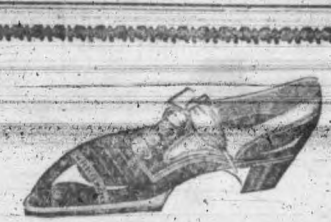
Fire Reported to Have Wiped Out Hondo, Twenty Thousand People Homeless.

Manila, April 18.—The town of Hondo, capital of the Island of Pansy, has been totally destroyed by fire. Twenty thousand people are homeless.

MURDERER SHOT.

Claremore, I. T., April 18.—George Gault, shot and killed his mother-in-law yesterday and later was shot dead by Chief of Police Leech in a running duel in which Leech was slightly injured. Golden had quarreled with Mrs. Paris over a board bill.

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The funeral of the late W. F. McCulloch, who died at his home on Cadboro Bay, road on Wednesday, took place this afternoon from his late residence. The officiating clergyman was Rev. Canon Beauland.

The deceased was born in Ireland in 1818, and accompanied his family to Canada nine years later, settling near Stratford, Ont. At the time of the California gold fever he crossed the continent by way of Panama.

Thence he came to British Columbia, where he engaged in mining. For the past 23 years he has been a resident of Victoria. For several years he had been employed as an assayer and miller at Atlin by the provincial government. Early last July he was stricken with paralysis, and never recovered.

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MR. ASQUITH'S BUDGET SPEECH

OUTLINE OF THE GOVERNMENT'S POLICY

Income Tax Changes--Over Seven Million Dollars Toward Old Age Pension Fund.

London, April 18.—No budget statement of recent years has been awaited with so much interest as that of Chancellor of the Exchequer Asquith to-day. Although it was his second budget, that of last year really was only a legacy left from the previous administration, so his proposals to-day constituted the first real Liberal budget in twelve years. The House of Commons was thronged, and the public galleries were densely crowded.

The financial statement issued by the Treasury in advance of the budget speech informed the House that the exact realized surplus for 1906-7 was \$28,352,000, which, in accordance with the law, would be devoted to the reduction of the public debt. Mr. Asquith estimated the expenditure for 1907-8 at \$703,785,000. The revenue on the existing basis of taxation was estimated to be \$725,950,000. The permanent reduction of the national debt for 1906-7 was announced to be \$88,750,000.

Mr. Asquith opened his speech with a brief review of the past year, pointing out that with the exception of the stock markets, which suffered from the money stringency, trade at home and abroad had been remarkably flourishing.

The Treasury Receipts

were over \$10,000,000 in excess of the estimates, unanticipated death duties accounting for \$8,000,000 of this sum, while the balance was made up of increased receipts from coal duty and the mint. The latter was due to the increased demand for collars and neckties, and the state of the market, which suffered from the money stringency, had not shown great elasticity, and in view of the undoubted prosperous state of trade they were

Distinctly Disappointing. The reduction in the tea duty in the last budget had been followed by increased consumption, amounting to 4,500,000 pounds.

The revenue from tobacco had not realized his expectations, and there had been a progressive formidable decline in the revenue from the alcohol group since 1903 until last year, of the year of the Exchequer Asquith was glad to say, there were signs of a definite reaction, and the present year had furnished an increase of \$1,000,000 on these receipts.

Continuing, the chancellor said there had been a falling off in the revenue from stamps, owing to the slackness of operations on the stock exchange, and the fact that the telephone was superseding letters.

referring to the financial year of 1907-8, the chancellor estimated the expenditure at \$703,785,000, showing a reduction of \$3,300,000 compared with 1906-7. He hoped the reduction would be continuous and progressive.

On this existing basis of taxation, the revenue for the forthcoming year was estimated at \$725,950,000, showing an estimated surplus of \$17,165,000.

Discussing the liabilities of the state, the chancellor announced amidst cheers that the permanent reduction of

The National Debt

in the course of 1906-7 amounted to \$88,750,000.

Dealing with the lines by which the Liberal administration proposed to direct the finances of the country during the next few years, the chancellor said: "We are under the obligation of maintaining and improving the national credit."

Referring to the recent fall in gilt-edged securities, the chancellor said that all the securities of the government were still the premier security. The existing conditions were largely the result of unliquidated commitments, and constituted a serious embarrassment to the not only to the government, but to the community at large.

The further reduction of the national debt was the

Paramount Duty

of the government, but behind all that was the unquenched thirst for social reform.

"I am not a Socialist," the chancellor remarked, "but there is nothing which appeals to me so loudly and imperiously as the possibilities of social reform."

In regard to old age pensions the chancellor said he would not commit himself to any scheme for the purpose. Everything must be done by steps, but in behalf of the government he declared that in the sphere of finance the ministers regarded

Old Age Pensions

as being the most serious and most urgent of all the demands for social reform.

It was his hope and intention before the close of the next session of parliament, if they were allowed to have their way, to lay a firm basis for the reform.

Continuing, the chancellor said that if those objects of the government, namely, the strengthening of the national credit and the creation of a fund for social reform, were to be carried out he could not do anything involving a permanent diminution of the revenue. He was satisfied that a further reduction in the duty on tea by two cents would not benefit the consumer, and he did not propose to make any change this year in direct taxation.

The chancellor intended, however, to deal with the

Income Tax

which in its present shape worked unjustly. The scheme must be one which, without destroying the productive character of the tax, would differentiate between earned and unearned incomes.

Earned incomes under \$10,000 a year would hereafter only pay sixteen cents, while the existing tax of 24 cents in the pound sterling on unearned income would re-

main. This reduction would be in addition to all present rebates, but it would be confined to the earned incomes of persons whose total income from all sources did not exceed \$10,000.

In view of the compulsory on everyone receiving an income tax form to make a return, and the penalties for evasion will be increased.

The chancellor estimated the loss from the differentiation of the income tax at \$2,250,000. Of the latter, however, \$1,500,000 would not recur. This would be made up by a revision of the death duties as follows: Above \$10,000, 10 per cent. on estate of \$10,000 and under, above \$10,000, 1 per cent. Above \$10,000, 5 per cent. Above \$2,500,000, 5 per cent. Above \$5,000,000 and up to \$5,000,000, 10 per cent. on estate of \$10,000,000 14 per cent. would be levied on the second \$5,000,000; on estate of \$15,000,000 or over, 10 per cent. would be levied on the first \$5,000,000 and 15 per cent. on every other \$5,000,000. The scale of duties, the chancellor explained, could thus be altered without injury to property or checking the accumulation of capital. He hoped the revised schedule would bring in \$5,000,000 yearly, but he only calculated on \$3,000,000 for the present year.

In conclusion, the chancellor, after making all deductions, said he had a disposable surplus of \$9,100,000, and he proposed to keep \$1,800,000 for emergency. The remaining \$7,300,000 would be invested in

The Sinking Fund.

and set aside for old age pensions, etc. He estimated that during the year the national debt would be reduced by \$88,750,000, and that the nucleus of a fund for the honorable relief of necessitous old age would be commenced.

In addition to the \$7,300,000 set aside there would be \$3,500,000 of uncollected arrears of this year's income tax, making a total of \$10,800,000. Mr. Asquith relied confidently on further economy in the expenditure, and counted on the support of the House and the government in this direction.

MANUFACTURE OF MACHINERY.

Patents and Designs Bill Passed Second Reading in House of Commons.

London, April 18.—The patents and designs bill introduced in the House of Commons yesterday by the president of the board of trade, Mr. Lloyd-George, and which subsequently unanimously passed its second reading, is of particular interest to American manufacturers of machinery, especially British factories, who, having secured patent rights in Great Britain, continue to supply British factories with machinery made in America.

The measure is designed to compel these manufacturers to make in Great Britain the machines which they sell or lease here. The bill, which is supported by both political parties, will eventually become law, but whether it will be effective in enforcing its object is questioned in some quarters, and those favoring it are agitating for more stringent regulations.

Clause 16 of the bill enacts that at any time not less than three years after the grant of a patent any person interested may apply for the revocation of the patent on the ground that the patented article is manufactured exclusively or mainly outside the United Kingdom. The controller may revoke the patent unless the patentee proves that the patented article is manufactured in an adequate extent in the United Kingdom, or "by a satisfactory reason why the article is not so manufactured."

The Shoe and Leather Record believes this clause is aimed at shoe machinery invented and manufactured in America and patented, but not made in Great Britain. The same paper estimates clause 16, which it says was advantageously inserted for the protection of the British shoe manufacturer against the so-called American shoe machinery trust.

The American manufacturers have many machines on lease in England, and would be effected by this clause should it become law.

THE CUNARD COMPANY.

No Statement as to Move From Liverpool to Channel Port.

Liverpool, April 18.—Presiding to-day at the annual meeting of the Cunard Steamship Company, the chairman said he had no positive statement to make as to whether the company proposed to move from Liverpool to a Channel port. He thought the best interests of the line would be served by leaving the matter in abeyance. The new steamers Lusitania and Mauritania would be running in a few months, and the company had concluded into a satisfactory lease with the New York authorities for increased dock accommodations.

Regarding the relations with competitors the chairman said they were much the same as last year. Although there were no agreements regarding rates, they remained practically unchanged. There had been rumors of a break in the existing understanding, but thus far it had practically been undisturbed. The chairman said that this condition would continue, as no company could hope to derive benefit from a change in the present practices. Overtures had been made to the Cunard line to ally itself with competitors, but he said he had no intention of doing so. He said the company had no intention of doing so.

The statement that the Cunard company had sold its interests in the Hungarian-American trade was incorrect, and the Hungarian government had not asked the company to cancel its contract. The Hungarian government was perfectly loyal in its agreement, and the Cunard line had no doubt that it would continue to be loyal.

DIED FROM INJURIES.

Man Assaulted Because He Refused to Join in Strike.

Chicago, April 18.—Because he refused to join in a strike, Edward Fago, a car cleaner, employed by the C. & W. W. railway, was hit on the head with a brick last night and jumped on and kicked. He died a short time later. Paul Matje was arrested, and Henry W. W. and Joseph Matje are being searched for. Fago had been employed by the company for five years. Last night the three men tried to persuade Fago to strike, but he refused.

MARRIED IN DETROIT.

Wedding of W. A. Gallher, M. P., and Miss Louise Brown.

Toronto, April 18.—W. A. Gallher, member for Kootenay in the House of Commons, was married in Detroit yesterday to Miss Louise Brown, daughter of Charles Brown, who for many years conducted a lively business on York street.

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TWO LIVES LOST IN MONTREAL FIRE

Several Persons Also Injured--Business Section of New Ontario Town Destroyed.

Montreal, April 18.—Two were burned to death and several were badly injured this afternoon by fire in the Calumet steam laundry, St. Justin street. The seriously injured are: Mrs. P. Giroux, 46 years of age. She jumped from an upper window, and besides injuries received in the fall, was frightfully burned from head to foot. It is expected that she will not survive. Mrs. Albertine Pélissier, 38 years of age, jumped and missed the life net. Her face was burned and her right arm fractured. Mrs. Victoria Daigle, 39 years of age, compound fracture of the right ankle. Mrs. Jeanette Bennett, 39 years, severe burns on face and back. Miss A. Proulx, 44 years, hands and face burned and several ribs broken. The fire itself was a comparatively trivial affair, the most liberal estimate of the damage not exceeding \$4,000, but the flames spread with such tremendous rapidity that none of the 70 odd people in the laundry building had a moment to think before they were either saved or cut off. The building was used by the Canada Steam Laundry and Dyeing company, and in their cleaning operations they used large quantities of benzine. It was in the cleaning room that the fire originated. Mr. Deschamps, the proprietor, with an assistant, was operating the rotary machine used to clean clothes. He noticed that the machine was heating, the benzine running on to the cement floor. As the room was very hot, Mr. Deschamps at once realized the danger and stopped the machine to try and locate the leak. Before he could do anything the volatile fluid had burst into flames, apparently from spontaneous combustion.

New Ontario Fire.

Toronto, Ont., April 18.—Litchford, a mining town a few miles south of Cobalt, was almost completely destroyed by fire to-night. The business section was wiped out and many prospectors will lose all their effects. There is little insurance as the buildings are all frame. The Cobalt fire tonight and bridge was sent down on two crowded cars by special train.

Litchford has a population of about 1,200 or 1,300, and it is now crowded with prospectors from the Montreal river. Many of these men and the residents will have no where to live. Before the arrival of help the fire had virtually swept the business centre clear. The special train took the homeless people who could not be provided for at Litchford and distributed them among the homes of Cobalt, Halleyburg and New Liskeard.

There were twelve stores, two hotels and a bank in the business street of the town, and it is believed all these were practically wiped out, as well as a number of private residences.

In every instance the storekeepers family, and where the house was large, several other people lived over the stores.

Alarming Blaze.

St. Catharines, Ont., April 18.—Fire broke out at Wilson's Carbide Works and for a time the mill was in danger, owing to the fact that water could not be applied owing to fest of explosions. The fire brigade from Niagara's Mill, after some trouble extinguished the blaze. The fire was caused by one of the electrical furnaces becoming overheated.

DOUBLE SUICIDE.

Lovers Leaped From Suspension Bridge Into River.

Springwood, Va., April 18.—S. C. Gay, aged 19 years, and Miss Mabel Pendleton, 17 years, committed suicide to-day by leaping from the suspension bridge across Jackson river at Clifton Forge. They started last night to Washington to be married, but were intercepted and brought back.

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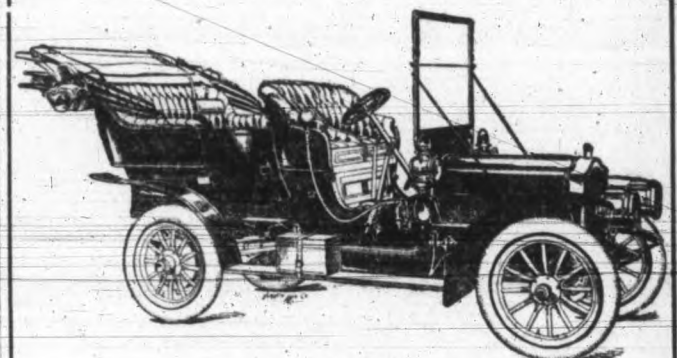
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THE G. T. P.

If the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Company has applied for an extension of the time given it to complete its section of the transcontinental railway, the company is certainly taking time by the forelock. It has yet four years in which to finish its undertaking. Of course four years is a short time in the history of such a great undertaking, but, at the same time, under modern methods a vast amount of work can be accomplished in that time. The most tedious, and at the same time the most important, part of the enterprise is the selection of routes. No one lacking experience can have any adequate conception of what is meant by selecting the best route for a railway from every point of view, that of the business that may be done, the best country that may be opened up and the route with the least grades through a country of the extent of Northern British Columbia. There is no question whatever of the fact that for several years many survey parties have been in the field and have been diligently endeavoring to select the territory through which the Grand Trunk Pacific line will pass through British Columbia. It was promised that the selection would be made with all possible speed. We have heard anyone qualified to speak with authority venturing to assert that that portion of the pledge made by Mr. Hays has not been carried out to the letter. The preliminary business of the work of construction completed, the rest will be comparatively easy—provided the labor required can be secured. It would be useless to attempt to deny the fact that there is a dearth of such labor in Canada at the present time. Still the work of construction is being prosecuted with vigor in sections of the country where the surveys could be completed in a season. It is to be presumed that as the bridge sections of the line are completed laborers will be released for service upon the mountain sections. There has been no authoritative pronouncement upon the general situation by any of the officials of the road. Mr. Bowser says an application has been made for an extension of time. But we do not know that either by reputation or connections Mr. Bowser can be regarded as entitled to credence upon such a point. It is evident, however, from the tone of his remarks yesterday that the Conservative party would regard delay in the completion of the road as something for its members to exult over, and if delay is regarded as a matter of exultation it is easy to understand that the party is not going to do anything to facilitate the work. Rather, it would be considered a point gained if by any means obstacles could be placed in the path of the company's operations.

We direct attention to Major Currie's letter, containing an erroneous statement which appeared in last night's Times. We cannot do less than express our regret that the facts respecting the attitude of the members of the Fifth Regiment towards the 24th of May celebration programme were so incorrectly stated, yet a perusal of the Major's letter will readily reveal the cause of the mental confusion of the reporter or of the person upon whom he relied for his information.

KUROKI AND BOWSER.

Baron Kuroki, one of the most renowned generals of modern times, will arrive in Victoria within a week or two. We have had "one miter" for several weeks, much against his will, we understand, one who flatters himself that he greatly resembles physically one of the greatest military geniuses of any time—a wit, General Nap. Cap. Bowser, M. P. The original Bonaparte, according to the verdict of posterity, was one of the firebrands and scourges of the world, a curse to the age in which he lived and the influence of his life a menace to the succeeding age. British Columbia's Little Cap. is of course a chip of the old block. He, too, is a firebrand and an incendiary; and his word when he is on the rampage is as valuable, approximately, as the breath with which it is articulated. Little Cap. Bowser, as becometh one of martial lineage, dreams an invasion of British Columbia by one of the aggressive nations of the Orient. He dreams of industrial invasions. Especially vigilant is he against such descents if at election be pending, whether provincial or Dominion, makes but little difference—that curbed eagle-like, Napoleonic proboscis can smell political powder from a far distance. And the eye above the hawk can pierce far into the future and behold things no one else would ever dream of coming to pass because they never do come to pass. It will be remembered that on the eve of the last provincial election the far-seeing eye beheld thousands of Japs crossing the ocean to work on the Grand Trunk Pacific railway. The hosts have not arrived yet. Again the Little Cap. has been stricken with a frenzy of trepidation that something serious is going to befall British Columbia—a state of mind that is not becoming one built in the image of the great Napoleon, and who so successfully applies the methods of that great captain to the peculiar warfare of modern times. Thus Mr. Bowser, deliberately turning his back on his political allies who are so loudly calling for the reduction of the head tax on Chinese and for the introduction of cheap labor in any guise, sounds a note of alarm in the Legislature about the prospects of an invasion from Japan. The strategic political manoeuvres of the Little Caporal of British Columbia have diverted our attention for the moment from the real subject of the present discourse, which is that one of the greatest generals of the age is on his way to Victoria. It is somewhat of a coincidence that one who believes he was created in the image of another great military genius should be inveighing in the Legislature against the people from whom General Kuroki comes just at the time when the latter is nearing our shores. It is presumed that the provincial government will feel impelled to tender certain courtesies to General Kuroki. Could anything be more fitting than that General Bowser, M. P., should do the honors of the occasion? In an aside our political conqueror could easily explain to the general from Japan that he was merely conducting a Puckish campaign when he spoke as he did in the Legislature. Of course if General Kuroki should inquire whether the political affairs of British Columbia are in general conducted on burlesque lines, General Napoleon Bowser might be nonplussed for a moment, but he would speedily recover his presence of mind and elucidate the grand Tory maxim that in politics as in war "everything goes"—even a Tatlow surplus.

The Imperial government has begun to store up funds as a nucleus from which old-age pensions can be drawn in the future. The principal source of this fund is to be the succession duties, which are to be increased, thus emphasizing the principle already recognized even in Conservative Great Britain that great fortunes are realized by individuals, at least in a comparative degree, at the expense of the "unacquisitive" general community. Through the medium of old-age pensions such great fortunes are in part to be redistributed in the circles from whence they were taken. That appears to us to be the principle upon which the British Chancellor of the Exchequer, with the approval of the government and of the Liberal party, is acting. It is morally certain that in this matter there shall be no turning back whether the future governments of the country be Liberal or Conservative. When John Bull puts his heavy foot down it stays down. In a few years an old-age pension scheme will be in force in Great Britain and it is to be presumed in course of time those reproaches to our modern civilization which were in many respects a credit to times past, the poorhouses, will be unknown in the land. We doubt not that time will reveal the new system to be in every respect more desirable as well as more economical than the old.

That chivalrous, persecuted, abused knight of the twentieth century, Mr. Thaw of New York, now issues bulletins like an imprisoned monarch from the dungeon in which he is imprisoned to assure a sympathetic public of his comparative well-being. Here is a portion of one, printed in a Canadian newspaper, too: "I had a very good cold bath. The bath-room always is filled with fresh air in the early morning, the same temperature as outdoors. Next I had weak coffee, and rolls, as

usual. These details must have interested plus, as they are often mistof. (Signed) Harry K. Thaw." The last sentence in the royal bulletin, it will be observed, is somewhat obscure in its meaning, indicating, to the public, perhaps, that the righteous defender of womanly virtue is suffering in mind from the imprisonment to which he has been so ungratefully subjected. Doubtless time will come when the mental attitude of such as he will be properly understood by the people who make the laws of the United States. Already there is a tendency to incorporate the "unwritten law" in the statute books of some of the states. One of the proposals of freak legislation is embodied in a bill introduced by State Senator Machen of Virginia, who wants the "unwritten law" put into a statute. His idea is that any man has a right to kill any other man on suspicion of guilt of any offence supposed to be "outlawed under the unwritten code."

Commander Peary, of the United States Navy, has obtained leave of absence and is again on his way north in search of the pole. The narrative of Mr. Peary's last expedition has just been issued from the presses of Messrs. Doubleday, Page & Company, of New York, with ninety-five photographs by the author, two maps and a frontispiece in color by Albert Oppelt. The narrative is a most fascinating one, and ought to have a large circulation in the United States and the British Empire. Peary reached the eighty-seventh degree of north latitude in his last attempt. A glance at the map will show how extremely narrow is the circle at that point. If he succeeds with improved preparations and larger experience in making three more degrees in his next effort, he will be at the point where the circles cease altogether in the north pole. The commander deserves to succeed, inasmuch as he is undoubtedly an intrepid soul.

If there were any means of securing it, we should value greatly the unbiased opinion of Price Ellison, M. P., of his noble and sincere political ally, General Napoleon Bowser, M. P. We think such opinion could be expressed in very few words, but even if it occupied columns it would be worth printing. However, it is not likely the member for Okanagan would care to speak in publication on such an unsavory subject. But does he think there is any likelihood of British Columbia suffering from an Oriental invasion under the laws as applied by the Dominion of Canada and Japan?

What Other People Think

FIFTH REGIMENT AND CELEBRATION

To the Editor:—A statement appears in last night's Times so thoroughly misleading and of such gross insinuation that, in justice to the Fifth Regiment, C. A., I must ask you to retract it. In your report on "Perfecting Plans for Celebration," you say: "Major Currie informed the meeting that it would be impossible to have the Sixth Regiment, of Vancouver, here for the celebration, as the Victoria men would not parade unless they were guaranteed a trip to Vancouver on July 1st."

Let me say in the first place, Mr. Editor, that I was not present at the meeting of the celebration committee on Wednesday night, and further, although I had written from Vancouver last week asking the committee to defer finally deciding whether the military parade or the horse parade would be the attraction for the morning of May 24th until I returned to Victoria, and although I stated that I wanted to be present at the next meeting to submit a report, I was not informed when or where Wednesday night's meeting would take place.

But I object more strongly to the latter part of your statement. If this were true it would indicate a condition of affairs that would not be tolerated for a moment in any British regiment. The Fifth Regiment parades when ordered to do so, and not conditionally upon its getting a trip to Vancouver or anywhere else. Let me briefly explain our position. To bring the Sixth Regiment from Vancouver costs about \$200. To have a horse parade costs about \$400. The representatives of the regiment thought that if the celebration committee would grant the cost of the horse parade towards the military attraction, we would undertake to raise from the regiment the \$200 additional necessary to bring the Vancouver regiment to Victoria. But we felt it would be unfair to ask the different company associations to put up this money unless we could assure them that they would have a return trip to Vancouver on Dominion Day. We were unable to guarantee this and so did not ask the members of the regiment to put up the \$200.

This explanation I gave to one member of the celebration committee, Mr. A. G. Blair, and, as you will admit, Mr. Editor, somewhat different from saying the regiment would refuse to parade unless guaranteed a trip to Vancouver. A statement such as appeared in last night's paper, going uncontradicted, would do our regiment a great deal of harm, and believing you have its interests at heart, I think you will admit that it is only right that you retract and apologize.

A. W. CURRIE, Major,
5th Regt., C. A.

A. G. BLAIR'S WILL.

Bulk of His Estate Goes to Members of Family.

(Associated Press.)

St. John, N. B., April 18.—The estate of the late Hon. Andrew G. Blair will total not less than \$200,000, according to information which reaches St. John from a reliable source. The estate has been entered for probate at Ottawa, and the draft inventory fixes the value at about that amount, of which a considerable portion is life insurance. A probate has not been granted because of a disagreement with regard to the succession tax, but it is anticipated that a settlement will shortly be reached. The bulk of the estate goes to members of the family.

The first book in which cigars are mentioned is the "Distresses and Adventures of John Cockburn," published in 1740.

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RUSSIA RUBBER SPONGES, at \$1.25, \$1.00, 75c, 50c, down to.....25c.

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A large quantity of 25c value Books will be placed on sale to-morrow at, each.....15c.

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We have just received the latest in Shirts for this season. They are made in a soft mercerized material resembling pongee silk, very neat patterns. Pockets and soft cuffs. Certainly the smartest and most correct shirt yet seen. Each.....\$2.75

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JAPANESE BASKET SUIT CASES (wicker), bound with leather, billow sides, has two straps, very light and durable, well lined, with pocket and partitions, each \$10.50 and \$15.00.....\$9.50

BASKET TELESCOPES in all sizes, at \$1.00, 75c, 65c, 50c down to.....\$2.00

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On Special Sale To-morrow

\$15.00 Double and Single Breasted Sack Suits for \$9.75

FREIGHT CONGESTION AND THE BACKWARD SPRING are the primary causes of these suits going for such ridiculous figures. Delayed goods continue to arrive, and the late spring has delayed the tremendous rush our enormous trade entails, consequently we will dispose of a slight overbalance of an immense stock. These suits are both double and single breasted sacks; they are made in Scotch and Canadian tweeds in all the newest and up-to-date patterns and styles. Regular prices, \$12.50 and.....\$15.00

A smart, correctly cut \$15.00 Suit, To-day and To-morrow for.....\$9.75

Spring Showing of Dainty New Fire Screens

After spring cleaning is completed a finishing touch will be given to the home by securing one of the new artistically designed and choice-ly decorated FIRE SCREENS. Mantle fire places, odd nooks and corners in the drawing room or elsewhere will look brighter by the use of these dainty Fire Screens. We have only a limited number and at the prices we have attached they will quickly take the fancy of economical housekeepers with an eye to beauty so inexpensively procured.

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ODD DESIGN SCREEN, enamelled in green, white and mahogany, with neat centre design in rose and white satin, with sateen background; colors: green, brown, yellow rose. Price.....\$2.75

TWO FOLD SCREENS with sateen shirring, green, cream and mahogany enamel, plain, neat design. Price.....\$1.50

FANCY FOUR-FOLD SCREEN with bracket for ornament, filled with red, green, yellow, brown and gold sateen; cream, green and mahogany, enamelled frame. Price.....\$2.50

FANCY SCREENS white enamel with rose sateen fillings, mahogany, enamel with green sateen fillings; green, enamel with rose sateen fillings, with ornament brackets, two fold. Price.....\$2.50

BEAUTIFUL DESIGNED SCREENS, two fold in cream, green and mahogany enamel, nicely decorated with flowered sateen bracket shelf, shirring in green, rose, gold and brown sateen. Price.....\$2.50

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Whose spirit proud you cannot frown;

Here's to the girl with eyes of gray,
Whose sunny smile drives care away;

Whatever the hue of their eyes may be,
I'll drink to the girls this toast with thee!

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CITY NEWS IN BRIEF

There are several lady autoists in Victoria, and they all run Rover cars, imported by the Plimley Automobile Company, Ltd.

A. J. Brace, secretary of the Y. M. C. A., has joined the Fifth Regiment, C. A., and will hereafter be first lieutenant of the same.

At to-night's meeting of the Fay West Lodge, K. of P., the ranks of Page and Knight will be conferred in the amplified form.

The Church of Our Lord will hold its adjourned annual meeting this evening at 8 o'clock. It is hoped that a large number of the members will attend.

The death occurred yesterday at the Jubilee hospital of Andrew Rochester, an inmate of the Old Man's Home, of the city. The funeral will take place to-morrow from Smith's undertaking parlors.

For the fourth time during this month the fire department was yesterday called out on another wild goose chase. The alarm was rung in from box 4, at the corner of Battery and Carr streets.

A meeting of the Victoria Retail Employees Association will be held in the Pioneer hall, Monday, April 22nd, at 8 p.m. sharp. All employees are earnestly requested to attend. Ladies and gentlemen.

Work on the foundation of the new garage for the Plimley Automobile Co., situated on Government street, near Superior street, was started yesterday. Moore & Whittington are the contractors. The building will be rushed up with all possible speed.

Some special values at the City Fair, 86 1/2 Douglas street. Cups and saucers, worth \$1.50, sale price, 41c; tea sets, 40 pieces, from \$4 up; blue and yellow cups and saucers (choice), 32c a doz. Watches, good time-keepers, \$1 each.

The Junior branch of the St. James' branch of the W. A. intend holding a sale of work at the rectory, 20 Quebec street, on Saturday, April 20th, from 2 to 6 in the afternoon. Tea, refreshments and home-made candies, etc. All members and friends of the W. A. are cordially invited to be present and encourage the efforts of the young workers.

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HATTERS

57 Government Street.

The sad news reached Capt. and Mrs. Andrew Hamilton at Agassiz last week that the eldest son, Andrew Duke Hamilton, died in London on the 24th of last month after a short illness. Mr. A. D. Hamilton was a rising consulting engineer. He was 27 years old.

To-night at the Fort street rink a game of roller hockey will be played between the Bank of Commerce and a team captained by P. Lelievre. The last game between these two teams on Wednesday night resulted in a victory for Lelievre's quintette by a score of 4 goals to 1. To-night's game promises to be close and exciting, as both quintettes are very equally matched.

J. H. Rickaby, who has been in charge of the grocery department of H. P. Rithet & Co. for many years, and who previously was with the Hudson's Bay Co., has severed his connection with the former and has opened offices on Bastion square, with agencies for a number of well known and popular lines, including that of the B. C. Distilleries Co.

T. Hutchinson, of Hutchinson Bros., took north on the last trip of the Tees a fine 35-foot launch built by the firm in this city for Mr. Johnson, a timber cruiser operating on the Skeena river. He took the launch off the steamer at Howe Inlet, and drove the launch 14 miles up the Skeena; in fact as far as the presence of the ice in the river would permit. The launch is equipped with 3 horse-power engines.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Connolly, of Malborough, Ont., sailed yesterday from the city for the Orient. They will represent the Wesley Methodist church of Vancouver in Japan. Mr. Connolly, who is an old college mate of Secretary Brace's, spent a very enjoyable time in the city yesterday with Mr. and Mrs. Brace. Together with Mrs. Connolly he left yesterday at 1:15 p.m. for his field of labor, speeded by the best wishes of his friends.

SITTINGS TO-MORROW.

Legislature Expected to Meet To-Morrow Afternoon and Evening.

The intention of the government is to ask the House to sit to-morrow afternoon and again in the evening. It is expected that this will ensure finishing the business this week, however, and it is possible that prorogation will not be reached before Wednesday of next week. A number of the government supporters, however, wish to get home and some will leave Saturday night.

FINDS SHIP'S ANCHOR.

Steamer Maude Has Strayed Two in the Royal Roads.

While dragging in the Royal Roads yesterday the wrecking steamer Maude, of the B. C. Salvage Company, recovered an anchor and thirty fathoms of chain belonging to the British steamer M. S. Dollar. Two weeks ago the M. S. Dollar while proceeding from Comox to the Sound anchored in the Royal Roads, and during the operation dropped one of her anchors. R. P. Rithet & Co., acting as agents for the Robert Dollar Company, commissioned the B. C. Salvage Company to recover the anchor. After a couple of days' dredging this was done by the steamer Maude and the anchor was brought to the outer wharf by that vessel, where it now lies. The M. S. Dollar plies between the Sound ports and the Orient with cargoes of lumber. She is at present loading with a cargo at Mokki, and it is believed that before going to the Orient she will call at the outer wharf for her anchor. While engaged in the dredging operations the steamer Maude struck another anchor, which is supposed to belong to the Great Northern liner Minnesota, and which was lost by that vessel during her trial trip in these waters some years ago.

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"Wanted a dental college in connection with the new university," said Aid. Verinder this morning. "I have," said he, "some eleven students coming up for examination this year now. There will be probably several more. In fact I am sure there will. This is the largest class we have ever had, and by the time the university is established here, there will be no doubt plenty of students for such a college."

Aid. Verinder went on to state that run as it was in other places in connection with the rest of the faculties there would be no difficulty in making it go.

REAL ESTATE ACTIVE.

Considerable Local Activity—Timber Limits Are Changing Hands.

The real estate business in the city although not active as it was at the first of the year, is still steady, and large quantities of local property is changing hands.

The Dominion Real Estate & Exchange Company have within the last few days disposed of property principally to easterners, to the value of \$15,000. Among some of the most important of these sales was a cottage and 3 lots on Cook street, the consideration for which has not been disclosed; the 3 choice lots on Hillside avenue opposite the Orphan's Home to a Saskatchewan investor; 3 lots in vicinity to a local investor and 2 lots in the new Oak Bay subdivision to Saskatchewan people.

The Royal Guarantee & Trust Company are particularly engaged at present in handling timber limits both on the island and the mainland. They have just completed the sale of several good sized tracts of timber land, and have also formed a local syndicate for the purpose of handling extensive timber lands on the mainland. Mr. Bledsoe of this company, states that he considers that the sale of timber land in the past has been greatly hampered by careless staking and surveying. He considers, however, that the time has now come when limits some distance inland will be considered, providing the quality and quantity of the timber is up to the limit, because of the increasing difficulty to secure large tracts near the seaboard.

The company has already sent out several parties of timber cruisers, and another party leaves by to-morrow's boat.

The fruit lands in the Gordon Head district, subdivided early in the spring by the Beaumont Boggess Co., are selling rapidly, and the owners are working hard to improve their property. Mr. McKay, of Winnipeg, has started a dwelling on his eight acres. Mr. Roland Machin is planting a large part of his twenty acres in strawberries.

George W. Gibson, contractor, has secured the contract for moving and building an addition on Mrs. Howard's house, near the corner of Fort and Vancouver streets. Sedger & Pownall, architects.

The long tails of the Shah of Persia's horses are dyed crimson for six inches at their tips—a jealously guarded privilege of the ruler and his sons.

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DIRECTORS TRANSACT
ROUTINE BUSINESSHospital Board Held its Regular
Monthly Session Last
Evening.

The board of directors of the Royal Jubilee hospital met last evening and discussed many matters of much importance, the question of annual repairs being paramount and occupying the greater part of the evening.

R. E. Brett, on behalf of the house committee, reported that tenders had been called for the necessary painting in the various parts of the building, and that the lowest received was \$512, and for this sum the contract had been awarded.

In respect to the flooring of the entrance hall he reported that the committee's specifications called for fir. In the board's opinion hard wood was preferable, and the committee was recommended to secure it if possible.

In the kitchen department several alterations are being made. The main kitchen is to receive a large new range, while another smaller one will be installed in the kitchen of the medical ward.

The large boiler in the children's ward, which burst during the cold snap of the past winter, is to be replaced by a new one of 60 gallons volume and at a cost of \$35.

The report of the finance committee was received, and stated that it had expended \$1,060 on salaries and various articles.

Accounts totaling \$2,225 were submitted and ordered paid.

The report of Dr. Hazel, the medical superintendent as to the treatment of patients during the past month was as follows:

Patients treated, 124; patients admitted, 76; free patients, 41; day's stay of patients, 1,560; daily average, 62.07.

A letter was received from F. S. Barnard enclosing his resignation from the board and a cheque for \$100 with regrets. The first was accepted with regret, the last, with thanks.

Mr. Fyfe, chairman of the board, reported on his negotiation with the city for an increase in the annual grant for the care of free patients at the hospital. The speaker said he had interviewed the city council, and that a special committee consisting of Ald. Verrinder, Ald. Fell and Ald. Hall had been appointed to consider the request.

At the same time the advisability of the hospital taking over from the city the management of the isolation hospital was suggested. No definite steps have been taken in regard to either question, but he expected it would be satisfactorily dealt with at a meeting early in the coming week.

The following donations have been received during the past month: Daughters of Pity, wheeled chair; Mrs. H. D. Helms, books and magazines; Captain Clayton, Sash, six trees.

In accordance with the prevailing sentiment the carpenter asked that his wages be increased to \$60 per month. The question was referred to the finance committee. Also a communication was received from the Victoria Nurses' Association notifying the board

HOSPITALS CROWDED

MAJORITY OF PATIENTS WOMEN

Mrs. Pinkham's Advice Saves Many From this Sad and Costly Experience.



It is a sad but true fact that every year brings an increase in the number of operations performed upon women in our hospitals. More than three-fourths of the patients lying on those snow-white beds are women and girls who are awaiting or recovering from operations made necessary by neglect.

Every one of these patients had plenty of warning in that bearing down feeling, pain at the left or right of the abdomen, nervous exhaustion, pain in the small of the back, pelvic catarrh, dizziness, flatulency, displacements or irregularities. All of these symptoms are indications of an unhealthy condition of the female organs, and if not heeded the trouble may make headway until the penalty has to be paid by a dangerous operation, and a lifetime of impaired usefulness at best.

While in many cases the results are fatal, the following letter should bring home to suffering women: Mrs. Robert Glenn, of 434 Marie St., Ottawa, Ont., writes:

Dear Mrs. Pinkham:

"Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound is so well and widely known that it does not need my recommendation, but I am pleased to add it to the many which you have in your favor. I suffered untold agonies from serious female troubles for nearly three years, and the doctors told me that I must undergo an operation, but as I was unwilling to do this, I tried your Vegetable Compound, and I am only too pleased that I did so, for it restored me to perfect health, saving me the pain of an operation and the immense bills attending the same. I only accept my hearty thanks and best wishes."

Just as surely as Mrs. Glenn was cured of the troubles enumerated in her letter, so surely will Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound cure other women who suffer from female troubles, inflammation, kidney troubles, nervous excitability and nervous prostration.

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that hereafter a nurses' salary would be \$20 a week.

The question of painting the roof of the main building was also again discussed. It was referred to the house committee.

The following were present at the meeting: J. Forman in the chair; H. D. Helms, W. J. Bolden, R. E. Brett, E. H. Lewis, Alexander, Wilson and F. Elworthy, secretary.

FRUIT DAMAGED BY FROST.

(Associated Press.)
Chattanooga, Tenn., April 19.—Advices from this district report damage to the fruit interests aggregating over \$400,000 by the late frost and cold winds there. Peaches are reported a total loss.

DEFENDANTS' COUNSEL
ADDRESSES COURTE. V. Bodwell Begins Argument in
Star vs. White Mining
Case.

E. V. Bodwell, counsel for defendants, with whom is associated R. S. Lennie, began his address to the court in the Star vs. White mining case yesterday afternoon. He addressed himself, at once to the task of breaking down the wall of credibility which Messrs. Taylor and Davis had raised around plaintiff's witnesses, and likewise the wall of incredulity with which they had surrounded the defendant's case.

To that end he laid great stress on the former decision of the Chief Justice. He belittled the existence of the celebrated black fissure. The contention, as he stated it, was whether there had been a movement across country sufficient to cut off the Star vein from its original position. The new work, in his opinion, had not changed the case one iota. The same conditions were in evidence now as when the Chief Justice made his inspection.

Picking up a piece of handed ore, he proceeded to declare that it was in place against the wall, and that the condition of things which it represented was what the Chief Justice had seen. He proceeded to declare that the new work in the Silverthrift vein had been done.

Mr. Storer's instance, the latter admitting the vein at this point, when Mr. Davis objected that this contention was untrue, as Mr. Storer had predicted that if it was done a fissure would be found there which was proved by the work. Mr. Bodwell proceeded to ring the changes on what Mr. Storer thought he saw, and did not see in the various levels. His deduction from the alleged discrepancies was that in a matter of mathematical projection the witness in question was unworthy of credence. Leaving out of the argument the question as to whether the walls showed or not, he declared that the ore did carry around the bend, and that this was proof positive that the defendants were still in the vein. He declared that Mr. Storer had failed to read the external evidences in the stope properly, and had discredited himself in the presence of the Chief Justice.

He declared that Mr. Fowler's evidence on this point was equally inconclusive. He stated that the new work was done at the order of the Chief Justice to prove a connection which was not apparent to the eye. Mr. Storer had made a good guess in predicting the crack, but instead of finding what he predicted, they found a mineralized fissure which bore out the contention of the defence.

"Then," said he, "Mr. Fowler comes along and proclaims that this is all the results of a tremendous movement across country which had carried this body of ore with it, in other words dragged the whole mass, while leaving the ore in place. A most ridiculous theory." He contended that the porphyry, a wall, was contiguous to the ore body, and therefore precluded the possibility of a black fissure. He further contended that judgment should be given on the occurrences found in all the levels, and not on those found in No. 5 alone. He ridiculed that possibility, considering hand specimens as conclusive evidence.

He contended that the vein turned less abruptly than the fissure. To support the statement he pointed to the point of putting a wall of black ore drawing when counsel for plaintiffs objected, and it was thrown out.

Returning to a discussion of the presence and significance of the porphyry, counsel contended that it was there first, and that the vein turned around it and mineralized a portion of it. What was seen in one level was present in all. It was not contended that there was a fault in the fourth level. Therefore there could be none in the fifth.

WEATHER BULLETIN.

Daily Report Furnished by the Victoria Meteorological Department.

Victoria, April 19.—5 a. m.—As the barometer remains high over this province and is low to the southward the weather is likely to continue fair. Light frosts are expected on the Lower Mainland, and moderate to fresh northerly and easterly winds are reported along the Coast. The weather remains cold in the prairie provinces.

Forecasts.

For 24 hours ending 5 p. m. Saturday. Victoria and vicinity: Moderate to fresh northerly to easterly winds, generally fair and warm during the day.

Lower Mainland: Light to moderate winds, generally fair and warm during the day.

Reports.

Victoria—Barometer, 30.6; temperature, 57; minimum, 36; wind, 4 miles N. E.; weather, clear.

New Westminster—Barometer, 30.4; temperature, 52; minimum, 32; wind, 4 miles E.; weather, clear.

Kamloops—Barometer, 30.50; temperature, 30; minimum, 20; wind, calm; weather, clear.

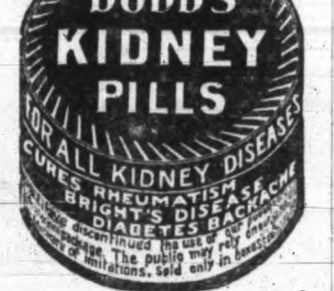
Barkerville—Barometer, 30.28; temperature, 14; minimum, 12; wind, calm; weather, clear.

San Francisco—Barometer, 30.32; temperature, 62; minimum, 56; wind, 4 miles N.; weather, clear.

Edmonton—Barometer, 30.42; temperature, 34; minimum, 24; wind, 4 miles W.; weather, clear.

Great Britain and the Colonies and the United States represent together the following total of 21,000,000 English-speaking persons, figures which leave all competitors hopelessly in the rear. Germany and Russia occupy second place with 7,000,000 apiece, and France, Spain, Italy and Portugal follow, with 5,000,000, 4,000,000, 3,000,000 and 2,000,000 respectively.

Mrs. Hannah Armaworth, aged 90 years, is dead at her home near Queen's Park, N. S. She was the oldest person in that province.

MATES OF THE
FLYING FOAM.

Pat-as-the-echo to the sound came the stammy of the gouted shoon: double, double, dub, dub, double, double, dub, dub, dub. It brought me to my window, just above the creaking signboard painted with the legend—The Jolly Sailor, R. Puckey.

Outside the fisherman's shelter on West Looe quay, Jim Lewarne was dancing a sailor's hornpipe in front of a circle of grinning faces, many of them with tips in the ears, and all then with tips in the mouth. Down the river a dozen trawl boats went out on the evening tide to the sound of a chanty. A bat wheeled in circles above the jersayed group. And Jim Lewarne's hornpipe was as full of zest as the fanciful funniness of the sea. A girl, caught, slight of the bat and sang out:

"Airy-mouse, airy-mouse, fly over my head,
And when I know, and when I bake,
You shall have a slice of my wedding cake."

"Airy-mouse," she old English for bat, still used here as in the days when the great mugling note of the elven "warring with ree-nicks" for their leathern wings."

"As my cow with a musket, in Jim," said someone under my window, as the dance ceased to a roar of cheers. "Ay, he's got the making of a purty fair dancer," said another voice, "and he's the very daps (image) of his old granter, too."

Notions.

I looked out carefully: it was mine, honest, the "Puckey" of the signboard, talking to Mrs. Hearle, from East Looe.

"And let's hope," said Mrs. Puckey, viciously, "that he'll not fill himself up with old notions, same as his granter did, the old buffhead. For contrair there couldn't be hatched than old Jim Lewarne. And you'll mind how it took all West Looe to tame 'em—leastways, all the women of West Looe, for men be but poor trade when there's a job that wants what you may call a light hand."

"Is, thym no good for pastry," blinched Mrs. Hearle, failing to follow the conversation.

"Pastry," sniffed Mrs. Puckey, who had apparently had sparrow-pie for dinner, as we say down here, when nothing pleases. "Twasn't pastry. But there, you're only East Looe. As who should say, a fool! In old days 'East' and 'West' Looe fought each other on the bridge, now, each says of the other, 'Ay, twas-but to be expected' when exceptional folly is shown."

"No," she went on, "he was always over books, was Jim's old granter, till it turned sour; it did, what he read. And at last he would have it that there's too many folks by half in this here world, and that 'twas a sin that any more little innocents should be brought into such a miz-maze is this be. Now, did ee ever hear tell of such old trade?"

"Flying in the face of nature," said Mrs. Hearle firmly.

"And so said all of us," said Mrs. Puckey, unconsciously quoting. "And

us cured 'em of it, too, praise be," she chattered triumphantly, "till the women of West Looe."

East Looe meekly awaited the denouncement.

A Double Judgment.

For the old rapscallion had one son, John, grown up and married, and the mate of the Flying Foam. The old man was the skipper. And then his poor son John died, and his daughter-in-law went to live with the old chip, to keep house.

"That very night he come in here to the Jolly Sailor and talked shameful, he did, till my blood boiled to hear 'em. About how he'd never abide no babies about his house. 'I'll have no squalling brats about the place,' says he. And for that saying, my dear, he had two judgments, two, as I'm a living woman."

"'Tis a gobby (weird) tale, sure 'nuff," said Mrs. Hearle, drawing nearer in the twilight. The airy-house was lowering its circles, till it almost new in their faces.

"First," said Mrs. Puckey, "he was forced to go up to the hospital, and when he'd been seen to by the doctor, he asked the nurse, 'What did he say I'd got, nurse?'"

"'Urticaria, Jim,' says she, out bold-like."

"Goo-o-o Lord!" said Mrs. Hearle, with uplifted hands.

"And," says Granter to the nurse, 'I thought 'twas but a nettie-rash.' The doctor, he gave 'em a bottle of trade, and says he, 'Just you get along home and keep quiet.' 'Be Gorn, says Jim, 'and don't I wish I could keep still, and rubbed myself constant, for 'twas nettie-rash—after all.'"

"A judgment, to be sure!"

"That's only the first," retorted Mrs. Puckey; "for when he came back from the North Sea he was a Granter, though he didn't know it. As luck would have it, the child come in the six weeks, he was away. And that poor woman, his daughter-in-law, Liza Ann, she didn't dare have the dear innocent in the same house with that old I-talian."

"'Italian' is a term of reproach in Cornish fishing towns, on account of the low prices paid for pilchards by the fish-packing firms."

Spreading the Net.

"Still the poor soul couldn't beat it out of her sight," continued Mrs. Puckey, "so herf carr it up to her room of a night secret. But he heard sommat, for he'd say of a morning, 'Never did I hear anything like the cats a-squalling last night.'"

"Twasn't that, and that his own grandchild," said Mrs. Hearle, in horror.

"And him that could sleep through most high anything. Contrair he was, beyond all telling. But," says I to her, "this can't go on. 'Tis wearing of 'ee till you're going to skin and bone. And us settled it between us. One afternoon Liza Ann pretended to go away for the day. And in the afternoon, when old Jim come back, he unlooked the door, and there, all comfortable before the fire, was a cradle, and in it a baby. Liza Ann was a-watching from the stairs in the dimmy (dimness), so that he couldn't see her."

"He didn't say nort for a bit; then he went up, kind of coorous, and turned back a bit of blanket. And there he stood, with the child's lips a-twitching at him."

"Ay; wanted rabbit's brains, it did," said Mrs. Hearle. It is the country

remedy for a child's facial twitches. "Presently, the dear doubled-up his little fists, and away to go with a bawl. It come out just as we had planned. And out rushes that old flubbing (fool) out of the house, fair mad with the noise and roars, same as if he was halting a ship."

"'Hil Mrs. Puckey, Mrs. Minards, Mrs. Nancarrow, you're wanted!"

Happy Ever After.

"But us all was shaking behind our window curtains, watching, and not a woman of us stirred. And the yells come stronger. At last he turned, fair beat, and he took that cheeld up, and happing upon the bottle."

"Well, when Liza Ann stirred, there was the baby a-winking in the old man's face as comfortable as you please and him with his empty pipe in his mouth for comfort, for he didn't dare get his left arm from under the cheeld to light up."

"And," says Liza Ann, "that's your son's, that is."

"'Tidn't a bad little maid," says he, "but uncommon bonny."

"'Mid," says she, laughing, "'Tis a fine boy-cheeld."

"And," says he, not-to be put out, "he'll be mate of the Flying Foam one day, please the Lord."

"And that's just what he is," said Mrs. Puckey, solemnly, as young Jim slipped away up the comb with the hand of the "airy-mouse" girl in his."

M. P. Willcocks.



World's Best

POP'S ANSWER.

Tommy—Say, pop, what's an optimist?

Pop—A man who sometimes hears of people doing things just as he would have done them if he had been there.

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OUR YOUNG FOLKS' CORNER

Anna May Hears a Small Voice

BY HELENA DAVIS.

Anna May's mother had gone away for the day and before her departure she told Anna May that she might have a few of her little friends in for luncheon with her. But she warned Anna May against taking her young company into the parlor, as they might accidentally break some of the choice bric-a-brac in their childish play or do some damage to the rich hangings and dainty sofa cushions. But the big, cheerful sitting-room was theirs to romp in as much as they chose. And the library might be visited if they wanted to enjoy the illustrated books and magazines. But the parlor must not be entered during the mother's absence.

Anna May was a little girl to be trusted. She had never disobeyed her parents, and they had the most implicit faith in her. It was this faith in her little 10-year old daughter that made the mother so willing to allow the little party to be given during her absence from home.

After her mamma had kissed her good-bye and driven away in her carriage—she was going to the country to spend the day with a sick friend—Anna May put on her jacket and went to her room to get her playmates, inviting them to come to her house for luncheon at noon and to remain for play all afternoon. Then she hurried home to assist the cook and housemaid with the preparations for the party which was being got under way so hurriedly. She ran several errands for the cook, going to the grocery store, the confectioner's and the florist's. She selected the bonbons and the bouquet for the luncheon table, her mamma having given her consent for the purchase of these things before leaving home that morning.

The little comrades arrived on the hour, and a gay time was had during luncheon. Then they adjourned to the big, cheerful sitting-room to participate in games and play. Thus an hour passed by. Then, weary of "quiet games," one of the little visitors suggested that they play Hide-and-Seek, using all the rooms of the house in which to hide.

"Oh, we won't use the parlor," explained Anna May. "Mamma forbids that. We might break something, you know." Hereupon the little friend by name Polly Penn began to pout. "Well, when I have company my mamma allows me to entertain them in the parlor," she declared warmly. "But my mamma knows I and my company are not pigs, nor cats, nor dogs. We know how to behave in a parlor just as nicely as though we were grown-ups, so we do."

"And I always take my company into the parlor," said Helen Richards, especially chum of Polly's. "I think it's a funny way to tell your company they are not good enough to enter your best room."

"It isn't that," apologized Anna May, her face growing very red. "Mamma always tells me to have company in our parlor when she's at home. But when she's away we might get to playing and forget about the breakable things that are on the shelves and mantel. That's the reason why mamma told me not to take my company into the parlor."

Polly and Helen looked knowingly at each other; then they fell to whispering in each other's ears. From their own ears they spread the whispers about in the ears of the other little guests.

Anna May was now most unhappy. She felt that her guests had taken offense at not being allowed in the parlor. But what should she do? She wanted very much to entertain her company most cordially, but when doing so interfered with obeying her mother, could she consider for one moment?

"Well, I suppose we go to my house, where we can go all over it—play in the parlor and in mamma's own room if we wish to," suggested Polly. "I don't think it's any fun to be cooped up in one room. What sort of party is that?"

"We can go into the library, too," declared Anna May. "We can also play in the hall and the dining-room. That will make lots of places for hiding. Come, Polly, let's do that. Won't you?" And Anna May put her arm about Polly coaxingly. "But if we are careful in the parlor it won't be any harm persisted that spoiled little maid, who had her own way so much, that it interfered with her good manners. 'I'll take care not to break the furniture.' This last Polly said sarcastically.

"And I'll be careful," cried a chorus of voices, Polly's influence being so great in the little circle of friends.

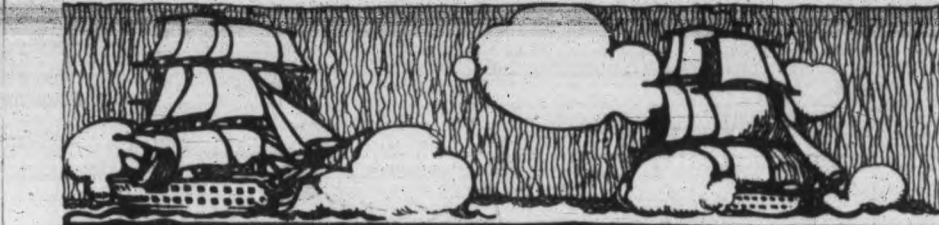
Anna May stood irresolute. In her own mind she was trying to solve a problem of either disobeying her mother's orders or offending her most unmanly little guests. Of course, Anna May was too young to understand how perfectly improper it was for her guests to behave so. Her own wish was to make them happy and give them all that the house held save that which was forbidden by her mother.

"Well, if you're not going to allow us in the parlor we'll just go to my house," again suggested Polly.

"All right," agreed Helen. Then two or three other little girls half assented to this proposition, not wishing to be in bad favor with Polly, who had so many new frocks and owned a beautiful Shetland pony and cart.

"Let's get our wraps and hats," said Polly, starting toward the hall where they had put their wraps and hats on the hall tree.

Polly's ugly influence worked its mischief on Anna May. She quickly stepped across the broad hall and drew open the great sliding door which led into the parlor. "Come in," she said, her voice full of emotion. "But we must be very, very careful not to upset anything. And it's



BONHOMME RICHARD — SE-R-APIS



A naval battle in progress. But I think the glorious victory will be won by the great man Whom people call John Paul Jones—Find him if you can.

rather cold in here, too, for the register has not been turned on for several days. When you've all got enough of the parlor we'll hurry into the library, where it's so nice and warm.

"Oh, it isn't very cold in here," said Polly, running to the mantel and picking up a very perishable vase, one that Anna May's mother prized very highly. "Oh, isn't this beautiful?" she cried, holding the vase out for the inspection of Helen, who was her imitator. Anna May shuddered, fearing some accident might hap-

pen to the expensive piece of bric-a-brac. But Polly replaced it on the mantel unharmed and turned her attention to other things in the room. From one table she went to another, examining everything. The leaves of new books of illustrations were run through, albums opened and looked at. After some half an hour in the parlor the guests became very cold, for the weather was extremely severe for March, and the spacious apartment wholly unheated and unsummed made it very uncomfortable.

Anna May had got her jacket from the hall and put it on, but as Polly would rather have frozen stiff than to have admitted that she was cold the other guests followed her example and played about the cold room, shivering. Then, Polly becoming too cold to longer endure the cold said:

"Well, perhaps we'd better go out of here; something might get broken. And that would be a w-f-u-l."

They returned to the sitting-room, where they played games till the clock struck

Story of Little Bunchup and the Giant

(By Maud Walker.)

In the long, long ago when the world had witches, wizards, elves, fairies, dwarfs and giants living in all the lands there dwelt a poor woman in the mountains whose husband had died leaving her penniless and with a little son called Bunchup. Now as this poor woman could not get bread for herself and child she went out one night and sold him to a rich old miser for enough to supply herself with food and clothing for a year. After that time she died of starvation in her hut on the mountain side.

After the mother's death the little Bunchup became very cruel to little Bunchup. He beat him unmercifully, set hard tasks for him to perform and half-starved him into the bargain. Thus was little Bunchup very miserable indeed. Often at night he would remember the happy days when his father was living and carried him on his shoulder up the mountain side while hunting for game. And in those days his mother had been happy and merry with her little boy, making dainty dishes for him and broiling the tenderest birds and fishes for his meals.

Then, as he would be recalling the happy past, the tears would flow from his eyes and sobs would shake his frail body. The old miser, lying in his bed in the next room, would hear the sobs of little Bunchup and would cry out:

"What fool's noise is that? Upon my soul if I do not believe thou art crying

like some foolish girl or weak-minded woman. Beware how thou provokest me. I'll flay thee alive if I hear another whimper. This moment be off to sleep that thou mayest be up before the sun and at thy tasks or I'll make thee have something genuine to shed salt tears for."

And so would poor little Bunchup shiver in his cold bed of dry leaves covered by a sheep's skin, smothering his sobs and forcing the memories of his happy days from his mind.

One night just after a severe chastisement from the old miser little Bunchup lay shivering and trembling in every limb so fearful was he that the old miser might again rise and beat him with a huge stick. But soon the snoring from the old miser's room pronounced that monster to be asleep. Then, cautiously, little Bunchup stole from his bed and slipped out through the door into the starlit night. The time was spring, early and cool. The winds swept down the mountain side fiercely and cut the tender flesh of Bunchup cruelly. But he did not so much mind the wind's stinging touch as he did the but of the old miser. He went on up the mountain side, aiming to steal a few hours to himself while the old miser slept. Coming to a huge boulder that jutted from the mountain side Bunchup stopped and sat down beneath its shelter. While he sat there he fell asleep from sheer weariness. The place was snug, and soon Bunchup became warm in his nest under

the boulder. When he awoke the day was well advanced, the sun pouring down from over his head. Bunchup rose quickly and stood looking about him. Now, what would the old miser say? He had been out of his bed for hours and was no doubt, hunting the mountain over for Bunchup. If he were found it would be the worst beating he ever had in all his miserable little life. Bunchup shuddered at the thought. What should he do? Should he go at once to the miser's hovel and try to make the best of the scolding and beating he was sure to get?

Just as he stood there, uncertain as to what he should do, he heard a heavy step on the mountain side above him. He looked up, and, to his wonder and consternation, saw a giant striding towards him. He was on the point of hiding beneath the boulder again when the giant's great booming eye fell upon him. Then it was too late to withdraw from his path. So poor little Bunchup stood fixed with fear, thinking, however, that any fate which might befall him could not be worse than that in store for him at the miser's hovel.

"Hey, there, lad?" cried the giant in a voice that made the mountain tremble. "What doest thou here? Art lost, son? Ah, ha! fear me not, lad," he went on, seeing that Bunchup trembled with fear at sight and sound of him. "Come, I'm not as bad as I'm big. I try to do more good than bad in the world. And I'm out for the purpose of avenging a wrong done to a poor man over on the other side of the mountain. I'm in quest of one called Crossbones the miser. He robbed the good man in question, a man with a wife and seven children. This old miser took every coin the good man had received for his farm and grain. He had sold his possessions with a view of moving into another country far to the south of this owing to the delicate lungs of his wife. So with his money carefully done up in a leather bag he started out in quest of a good place to dwell. On finding this he would return for his wife and children. Well, to cut a long story short, the good man fell in one night with this old miser, who waited till the tired wayfarer had fallen asleep and then robbed him. In vain did the traveler beg for his bag of money; the old miser swore he knew nothing of it. He even invited the man to search his premises. Well, I've come over the mountain to get that bag of money. I've been inveigled well as to the location of the miser. I think I'm almost there. Canst tell me naught of such a one as Crossbones, the miser, lad?"

"I live with him, sir," said Bunchup, looking up into the giant's friendly blue eyes. "I am very, very unhappy, too, for he beats me and half starves me. I have to work all day gathering fags for the fire and trapping game over the ridge. He also made me go to hunt for the old miser, though he never allows me a bite of the good things. All I eat is the leavings from his plate. Oh, Sir Giant, I am most unhappy, and I'll get a terrible beating for being away from home this morning."

The giant, to be nearer to Bunchup, took him upon his shoulder, stroking his

soft hair with the end of one of his huge thumbs. "Ah, lad," he said gently, when Bunchup had completed his story, "I'll not only avenge the wrong done that poor man over beyond the mountain, but I'll attend to the case as well."

"Thou shalt ride away on my shoulder into the peaceful valley yon side the mountains. No more harm shall befall thee, pretty little lad. I'm called Samson, the Avenging Giant. I look after those who have been wronged by their fellows. And I usually make it hot for their fellows." And the giant laughed softly, but the vibrations of that laugh shook the very trees and rocks on the mountain side.

"I remember the night the good man came to our hovel to stay over night," said Bunchup. "And I also remember that old Crossbones had more money to count after that, too. He had a great leather bag full of gold and silver coins. Some of them were very large."

"Ah, ha!" said the giant, striding down the mountain side with Bunchup on his shoulder, "never again shall he count those coins or draw the string in the top of that leather bag."

As they neared the hovel they could hear the old miser calling loudly and cursing the while. "Where art thou, thou miserable little beggar?" he was crying at the top of his cracked voice. "If I lay hands on thee again I'll flay thee alive. I'll cut the skin from thy shoulders and then lay on the thong. Ah, ha! thou wouldn't run away from me, wouldst thou? Well wait till hunger and cold and wild beasts of the fields force thee to return to me. Ah, ha! I'll give thee something to remember, I will."

"And mayhap thou shalt have something this day to remember, old Crossbones the miser," said a deep voice which made the very ground beneath the hovel shake. And the miser looked out of his door to behold a strange sight, a sight that caused him to shrink into the farthest corner of his miserable abode. He had heard often of Samson, the Avenging Giant, and he felt sure there could be no doubt but this great being was he. "I've come on an important errand, old Crossbones," said the giant, stooping and entering the hovel. Of course, he was obliged to put Bunchup to the ground as he entered. But he kept the little lad close to his side. "Now, thou old robber and torturer of a little lad, get from its hiding place the leather bag of gold and silver coins thou didst steal from the good man who sought lodging for a night in thy hovel. Come, not a word from thy ugly mouth or I might be tempted to tear out thy lying tongue. The bag of money—and be quick!"

Trembling in every limb old Crossbones, the miser, went down on his knees in the corner and with his long claw-like fingers tore away the clay of the floor to the depth of a foot. Then he drew forth a leather bag full of money. The giant took it and poured the contents into his palm, counting it carefully. "Yes, all here that thou didst take from the traveler. But now bring forth thine own hoardings. I must exact usury from such as thou. No, don't dare to speak!"—for the miser was on the point of begging for mercy—"But do my bidding." Again the old miser went to the hole in

the corner and drew forth an old metal vessel which was filled to the brim with coins of gold and silver. The giant took a handful and dropped them into his pocket with the leather bag, saying:

"It's an ugly custom—exact usury, but one like thou cannot be treated humanely. Now, the remainder of money in this vessel shall be distributed among the deserving poor on the mountain sides. I shall give it my attention. As for this little lad, he shall go with me and find a home with the good man whose bag of money I have this day recovered for him. There are lady and ladies in that family and this little lad shall find a happy home and become a useful and good man. As for thou I shall turn thee into a stone in the corner where thou didst hide thy hoardings. In that form thou shalt be a warning to all misers."

So saying the giant waved his mighty hand above the head of the miser and immediately he turned into a stone, remaining in the human form. And for many centuries that stone image of an old and cruel miser crouched in the corner of that stone hovel as a warning to others who might have leanings toward a life of wickedness and hoarding.

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The Lament of the Baby Fish

"I'm just a fishie in a brook, Ah, sad the day! And I'm fearful of a hook—A hook that may—"

"Be inside a worm on a reel That I can't see; And wishing for that worm to eat, That hook may be—"

"The thing that me will turn to meat—A tasty joy—A browned and appetizing treat—For some small boy!"

"Ah, woe it is to be a fish And live in brook, And know that every boy does wish You on his hook."



Queens of England

Elizabeth, second female sovereign of England, succeeded to the throne at the death of her half-sister Mary.

Elizabeth was born in September, 1533. She was the daughter of Henry VIII, and the ill-fated Queen Anne Boleyn, who lost her head on the scaffold where her little daughter was but three years old. After her mother's cruel and ignominious death Elizabeth was robbed of her just inheritance and rightful succession to the throne. In company with her half-sister Mary she was sent to live in a castle far removed from the residence of their royal and most monstrous sire. The title of princess was denied both Mary and Elizabeth, and they were called "lady."

Lake her sister Mary, the Princess Elizabeth spent many most unhappy years in her childhood and youth. Wrongs and disappointments were her portion, dealt out to her by a most unnatural father, who set aside the claims of wife or child to satisfy his own selfish desires.

But through the changes wrought by time and religion Mary found herself exiled upon England's throne. During the first part of Mary's reign Elizabeth was placed in prison, proofs of her disloyalty to her sister's reign being obtained. With Mary's enemies she had plotted to make war on Mary and usurp her throne. But so tactfully did Elizabeth manage this affair that Mary forgave her offense and most generously reinstated her at court, behaving most affectionately toward her, always, and naming her as successor to the throne upon her own death.

Elizabeth became sovereign of England in 1558, and reigned till her death, which occurred in 1603. Her was a most remarkable reign, and much good came of it in many ways than a few. While she was "industriously" "devoted" "stately" "wise" to the last a coquette, and indulged her many weaknesses without stint, she was nevertheless, a wonderful woman and every inch a sovereign. She possessed rare tact, cunning when needed, wit and cool judgment, and was what would now be called "a born diplomat." Much has been written about her vulgarity, her profanity and coquetry, but she had something

side as well, and literature and art flourished during her reign. Considering her parentage, much praise is due Elizabeth, nicknamed "The Virgin Queen."

MARY GRAHAM.



Queen Elizabeth.

The following enigma contains two words which express a certain month and climatic condition:

My first is in man, but not in boy;
My second is in anger, but not in joy;
My third is in rat, but not in mouse;
My fourth is in church, but not in house;
My fifth is in hat, but not in veil;
My sixth is in water, but not in pool;
My seventh is in inch, but not in yard;
My eighth is in stone, but not in hard;
My ninth is in dough, but not in cake;
My tenth is in yeast, but not in bake.

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Mr. Callier Down—"It looks like a boiled



The giant took him upon his shoulder.

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CHAPTER XV. (Continued.)

"Because," said Philip quietly, "Mrs. Upottery is undoubtedly connected with the murder. As the finger prints at the top of this paper are not yours, they must be hers. And they constitute absolutely conclusive evidence to my mind. She is an astounding woman. Yesterday she stole two hundred pound notes out of my pocket book and substituted two others, while pretending to faint and be ill. And I had not the least suspicion of her guilt until you showed me that these finger prints were not yours. It is amazing."

"I have been following Mrs. Upottery about for two days," said Mary Pollexfen quietly. "Shall I tell you my notion about her?"

"By all means."

"My notion about her is that she is Uncle Walter himself."

"Impossible!"

"Not impossible! I went to poor father's funeral this afternoon. Mrs. Upottery was there. Mrs. Upottery and I were the only two people present from this house. It was a dreadful business. And Mrs. Upottery appeared to me to be acting grief with tremendous gusto. Then, when the coffin was walked from the grave, I seemed to detect in her gait a sort of resemblance to my father's."

"You know your uncle by sight?"

"I have never seen him, unless he is Mrs. Upottery. And I am certain that that is Mrs. Upottery!" She stood up, excited. "No one but Uncle Walter could have planned and worked that crime as it must have been planned and worked. And all his evidence at the inquest was pure invention. It would be exactly like him to enjoy disguising himself as a woman, and then to pretend that he was engaged to be married to the man he had murdered, and to embroider the story with details about mysterious foreigners and Russian secret societies. What do you think?"

"If what you say is true," Philip answered her, "your family contains in Mr. Walter Pollexfen a criminal of genius. But we will soon find out."

"What are you going to do?"

"I am going up to Mrs. Upottery's room. She is alone up there before you did."

CHAPTER XVI.

Friendship.

"You are not to come with me," said Philip, with some new, strange touch of the Kaiser in his tone. His hand was on the office door. He had wrapped in paper the market fragment of pipe—that invaluable and unique piece of evidence—and put it in his pocket.

"Why not?" demanded Mary Pollexfen rather wistfully, and not at all resenting his little air of authority.

There was an appeal in her voice, and her voice was irresistible—or would have been irresistible if he had not considered her personal safety to be involved in the question.

"It will be better not," Philip replied firmly.

Had he known her on the stage surrounded by the adulation which even some of the most brilliant men in London had not declined to offer her, he would never have dared to adopt that attitude of the big, wise, autocratic brother. But he had not known her on the stage, and, as a fact, his antipathy pleased her enormously; she bowed to it with a feeling of immense relief.

Certainly she pouted, but the pout was naught save a charming affection.

"I suppose I can go upstairs to my own room and listen on the landing?" she said.

He agreed that she could; he could find no argument against that.

"There were several people in the hall; a policeman, a journalist, pencil in hand, talking to one of the lodgers. Philip, in the pride of his great discovery, ignored their curiosity and passed quickly upstairs. Mary being at his side, but slightly behind him. And as they went upstairs it was no more the pride of his great discovery that animated him and flushed his cheek and quickened his heart. It was the mere existence of Mary Pollexfen that did these things. She was so close to him; he had a desire to laugh with sheer joy because she was close to him. The most curious thing that had ever happened to him was that his nearness to a woman—a woman depending upon him and trusting him, should have such an extraordinary and revolutionary effect on him. He was no longer the same man. He felt, as though he had been inhaling oxygen. The whole world seemed beautiful. Adrian Hilguy's singular lodging house seemed beautiful. There was no sorrow on earth—nothing but love and the pure ardor of the heart. One regret was that all the previous part of his existence had been so utterly wasted. He cared for nothing that he had once cared for. His old ambitions appeared hollow, puerile and specious.

He loved now for the first time.

The feeling of the "spain" was, of course, a trade in the last degree. Mary's grief was his grief, and he ought to be grave, and apprehensive! But—but—well, there she was on the landing with him, breathing somewhat quickly, and gazing at him in expectation. Delicious and adorable vision, with the painted scar and those absurd clothes! He wondered what strange quality it was in her that differentiated her from all the other women on earth—what quality, beyond beauty and her grace and her charm, now shone mysteriously from the secret

depth of her soul to his. He wondered and rejoiced that some masterful imperious man had not carried her off long since and married her, and forced her to love him. The thought that, if luck had not been on his side, she might have been married ere he met her, made him feel cold in the small of his back, like the sudden sense of a supreme disaster escaped.

"I will come and report afterwards," he whispered, stopping at her door.

"But what are you going to do?" she asked.

"How do I know?" he said. "It will depend on circumstances. I am going to have an interview with Mrs. Upottery, and I shall be guided by what Mrs. Upottery does. Happily there is a policeman downstairs. I can promise you one thing—Mrs. Upottery shall not get away."

"Have you got a revolver?"

"A revolver? What for?"

"In case—"

"No, I've got these." He raised his broad muscular hands.

"I should like you to take my revolver," she breathed.

He was about to smile, but a look in her face stopped him. He perceived that jocularity would be misplaced. Tears were in the woman's eyes.

"I shall be very glad to," he said seriously.

She disappeared into her room, and came out again with the revolver.

"Which she gave to him as if it had been an animal alive. 'It's loaded,' she said.

"Thanks," he murmured, slipping it into his pocket. "Now for it."

He walked up the transverse corridor as far as Mrs. Upottery's door, and knocked discreetly. There was no answer.

Mary Pollexfen watched him from the corner near her own door. The corridors were otherwise deserted.

"She won't open," Philip called in a whisper, "but I'm going in, all the same."

He was growing bolder every instant. He now knocked very loudly and imperatively. And after a slight pause he shook the handle of the door. The door yielded at once. He pushed it open, and by the light from the corridor he could see the interior of the cubicle, and the cubicle was empty. He entered the little room, found the switch, and turned on the electric light. There was a sound behind him, and he jumped round. Mary stood at the door, her face pale.

"Be careful," she enjoined him.

"Yes," he said. "I know I'm trespassing. But you see, if Mrs. Upottery arrives and makes a fuss I can always ask the lady for her finger print; that will quiet her."

"I didn't mean that," Mary Pollexfen breathed. "And she too entered the room stealthily. Her first act was to lift the valance and look under the bed. She found nothing there, and laughed deprecatingly in response to Philip's masculine smile."

"We'll make a thorough search of this room, eh?" Philip suggested. "Suppose I lock the door?"

And he closed and locked the door.

"She must have gone out again," he remarked gaily, apparently unaware that he was stating the obvious. "And we didn't see her go."

"It is to be hoped she—he didn't notice us together in the office," said Mary.

"And if he did—what then?"

"Who knows?" Mary answered reflectively.

The room was in perfect order. On the bed lay a nightdress case, placed in the mathematical centre of the pillow. Behind the door, on hooks, hung two skirts and a petticoat turned inside out.

"I wonder what the waist measurement is?" said Mary, and she took down the petticoat, and doubling and stretching tight the waistband, put it against her own form. Doubled, it nearly encircled her.

"Is thirty-seven, if it's an inch," said she, hanging it up again.

"But are those women with thirty-seven inch waists?" Philip demanded naively.

"Yes, and forty-seven," said Mary. "There is no limit."

"Then that proves nothing."

"And they both felt guilty—nay, criminal—as they investigated the severe orderliness of the room. Several pairs of boots lay at the foot of the bed. But they were smaller than Philip's boots, and the young man's foot was by no means extensive. In the cupboard were a hat, a pair of rather large gloves, some pieces of ribbon, several vials (all these things black), a pincushion, a Bible, a hymn book, a copy of "John Halifax, Gentleman," and a number of other articles.

"Here," said Philip, "perhaps you wouldn't mind looking further into this cupboard?"

Mary obeyed, while Philip unfurnished a small trunk, which proved to be empty. After some moments Mary found a collection of stockings.

"This feels heavy," said Mary, holding up a pair of stockings tightly rolled.

"They examined it together. In the centre of the woolen ball was a sum of three pounds five shillings and sevenpence halfpenny. Silently they replaced the money. Then they looked at each other.

"Mrs. Upottery may come back at any moment," said Mary.

"Yes," Philip agreed, daunted.

"Haden't better get out of her cubicle?"

"Perhaps it will be as well."

Philip took careful precaution to leave no trace of an inexcusable visit; he extinguished the light, and they found themselves out in the corridor again. Their search had been entirely fruitless.

"You still think Mrs. Upottery is your uncle?"

"I do," said Mary obstinately.

"Will you put your hat on and come outside the house at once?"

"What for?" the girl questioned.

"I want to talk to you; we cannot talk here."

In two minutes they were walking together down Kingsway, which was almost empty of traffic. Philip was very nervous, and his companion evidently waited for him to speak. At length he blurted out:

"You'll excuse me, Miss Pollexfen, but this cannot go on like this. Really, you know."

"What cannot go on like what?" she asked softly, looking ingenuously at him.

"Your disguise," he explained. "It will do no further good. You may rely on me to do whatever can be done. And I should venture to advise you to—to be—or a woman again." He wished to add: "I hate to see you as you are. It hurts me."

"I see," she said reflectively. "But if I become Geraldine again all London will get excited. We shall have the police bothering us, and there will be no end to the trouble."

"I do not think the disguise is suitable," he persisted stubbornly. He was surprised to find how stubborn he was. "You need not become Geraldine. You can become simply a woman."

"Have you got a revolver?"

"In case—"

"You could take a room somewhere—a quiet room, or two rooms."

"And where am I to get my clothes from—especially on Sunday?" She hesitated. "I might go to Harry Starkey. I could trust him. He is almost the only person I could trust."

"Harry Starkey?"

"Yes. The costumier. Surely you have heard of Harry Starkey? Everybody knows Harry Starkey."

"I fancy I have seen his name on theatre bills," said Philip. Geraldine smiled.

"Why, after the King and General Booth he considers himself the best-known man in England."

"Where is his place?"

"In Wellington street."

"Please get in," said Philip. "And go to this Harry Starkey at once, if you can trust him as you say, and I will meet you in an hour at the corner of Wellington street—How street, I mean—Long Acre." He held open the door.

Mary Pollexfen was clearly astonished at such swiftness and authority of decision. She gave him a puzzled glance, then smiled.

"Since you wish it," she said calmly. "They were heaven's words to him. The adorable creature was actually obeying him, actually ceding to his masculine wisdom and his masculine will."

"Starkey's, Wellington street," she directed the cabman, and got into the vehicle. The cabman nodded.

"He'll be in—your Starkey?" Philip asked her through the window.

"Yes, Sunday is the only day at home. He'll probably be asleep."

"Good! In an hour, then. It is 6.15."

She drove off. As Philip watched the receding cab he felt as if he was floating on clouds of the purest happiness. She did his bidding! She trusted him! She had not even inquired what was to happen when they met again at 7.15. Her confidence in him was so touching that he detected a moisture in his eyes. The circumstances were miraculous, overwhelming. Less than two hours ago she had been to him John Meredith—simply that! And now she was the rarest among women, and he was more to her than any other man in London! At least, he hoped so.

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In his address in the Auditorium on
Washington's birthday, before the
Union League Club of Chicago, Mr.
Grover Cleveland, former president of
the United States, sounded a warning
note that he observed signs of weak-
ness in the nation's tendencies toward
extravagance, and a loosening of the
hold of the people on the fundamental
principles of harmony, honesty, indus-
try and frugality upon which the nation
was founded. He declared that politi-
cal parties should be watched by their
members and by all whose political be-
liefs are based on reason and who care
enough for their manliness and duty to
save them from barter. A few of his
compact, pregnant, paragraphs will
show the scope of his address:

Lost in Noise.

"The commemoration of the day on
which American independence was born
has been allowed to lose much of its
significance as a reminder of Provi-
dential favor and the inflexible patriot-
ism of the fathers of the republic and
has nearly degenerated to a revel of
senseless noise and dangerous explo-
sion, leaving in its train far more of
mishap and accident than lessons of
good citizenship or pride of country."
The observance of Thanksgiving Day
is kept alive through its annual designa-
tion by federal and state authority.
But it is worth our while to inquire
whether its original meaning as a day
of united praise and gratitude to God
for the blessings bestowed upon us as
a people and as individuals is not
smothered in feasting and social indol-
gence. We, in common with Christian
nations everywhere, celebrate Christ-
mas—but how much less as a day of
commemorating the birth of the Redeem-
er of mankind than as a day of
hilarity and the interchange of gifts."

Four Cardinal Virtues.

Referring to Washington's letter to
Lafayette, in which he wrote that
nothing but harmony, honesty, indus-
try and frugality were required to make
the United States great, and that he
believed the people possessed these
qualities, Mr. Cleveland continued:
"Such considerations as these suggest
the thought that this is a time for
honest self-examination. The question
pressed upon us with a demand for
reply will not be denied: Who
among us all, if our hearts are purged
of misleading impulses and our minds
freed from perverting pride, can be
sure that to-day the posture of affairs
and the prevailing disposition of our
countrymen, co-operate in the estab-
lishment and promotion of harmony,
honesty, industry and frugality?"

Warning Signs of the Times.

"The self-examination invited by this
day's commemoration will be incom-
plete and superficial if we are not
thereby forced to the confession that
there are signs of the times which in-
dicate a weakness and relaxation of our
hold upon these saving virtues. When
thus forewarned, it is the height of
carelessness for us obstinately to close our
eyes to the needs of the situation and
refuse admission to the thought that
evil can overtake us. If we are to
deserve security we will carefully and
diligently take our bearings and dis-
cover, if we can, how far wind and tide
have carried us away from safe waters."
"If we find that the wickedness of
destructive agitators and the selfish de-
pravity of demagogues have stirred up
discontent and strife where there
should be peace and harmony and have
arrayed against each other interests
which should dwell together in hearty
co-operation; if we find that the old
standards of sturdy, uncompromising
American honesty have become so cor-
roded and weakened by a sordid atmos-
phere that our people are hardly start-
led by crimes in high places and shame-
ful betrayals of trust everywhere; if we
find a sadly prevalent disposition
among the entire race to shirk the
honorable industry into shorter, crass
roads leading to irresponsible and
worthless ease; if we find that wide-
spread wastefulness and extravagance
have discredited the wholesome frugal-
ity are essential pillars of public fel-
icity; and forthwith endeavor to change
our course."

"It is our habit to affiliate with politi-
cal parties. Happily, the strength
and solidity of our institutions can
safely withstand the utmost freedom
and activity of political discussion so
far as it involves the adoption of gov-

Where the Hayseed Blows.



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Parson Hayrich-Silas, I hope you
didn't fall into temptation when you
were in the city.

Silas Coratossie—No; but I fell into
three coal holes on six gutters.



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you bought of the dealer, Silas, is he
fast?

Haymowe (limping)—No; not entire-
ly; I discovered his hind legs are loose.



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"Sell many bullocks this week?"
"Twice as many as usual."
"Bullock business is on the jump,
ain't it?"



Cy Greenway—Give me a couple of
good cigars.

Clerk—Two for five?

Cy Greenway—No; I got enough
cabbage around where I come from.



A GOOD FEEDER.

Hiram Gosh—Oh, how that boy do
grow!

Cyrus—That's nothin' ter how he do
eat!

THE HAGUE CONFERENCE.

(Associated Press).

Tokio, April 19.—The Emperor has
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